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Messrs. Ferris & Miles, Twenty-fourth and Wood streets, Philadelphia, are making a neat, substantial and handy shaping machine, in which special pains have been taken to secure greater driving power than is usually possessed by machines of the kind. For this purpose it is powerfully geared from the driving shaft, the gears being in the ratio of 6 to 1, and the cone is made quite large, with four steps for a 2½-inch belt. This enables the machine to drive heavy cuts and gives sufficient power for long as well as for short strokes. As may be seen from the accompanying illustration, the frame of the machine is a column of neat design, carrying the Whitworth quick return motion, which drives the cutter bar by means of a variable crank. The bar has a stroke of 10 inches. The table is unusually large and has one vertical as well as a horizontal planed side furnished with slots for bolting work. It can be moved up and down by a screw and hand wheel, and made to traverse a distance of 16 inches on the cross slide by a double thread screw worked by hand or by the automatic feed gear.

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The tool apron is of wrought iron, and furnished with the swivel tool post. The machine is also provided with the rotary arbor and cones for doing circular work; and a pair of centers and clamping vise will be furnished when ordered. The firm are also building larger shapers, with a traveling head, combining great facilities in the manipulation of the feed, &c.

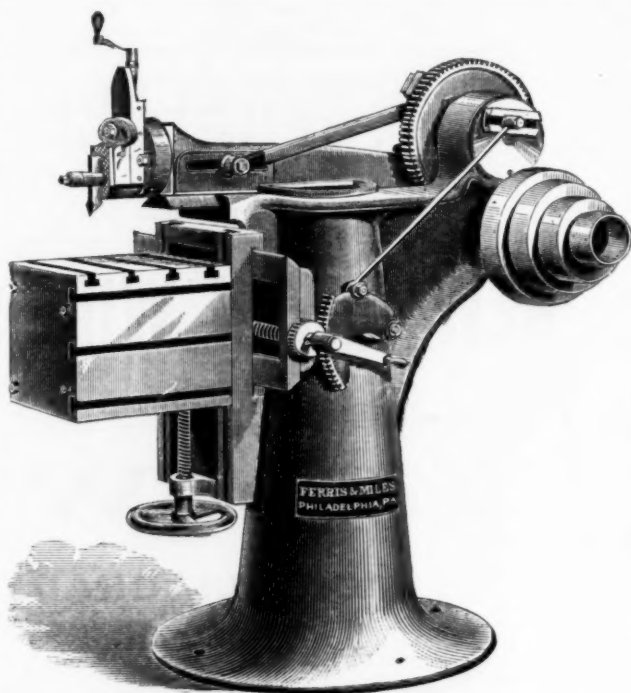
Hydraulic Elevator.

The rapid growth and activity of many of our business houses, the increasing value of ground in our large cities requiring high buildings upon small lots, and the need of ease and celerity in transferring goods from floor to floor, has created a demand for some efficient means of meeting these requirements. Such an agent is to be found in the platform elevator already in use in many of our warehouses.

Elevators have also become a necessity in our large hotels and a convenience in many of our larger but less pretentious buildings. Much attention has been given to supplying as cheap a motive power as possible. Steam elevators of various kinds have been in use for many years, but it has only been comparatively recently that the idea of using a hydraulic machine, worked by the pressure of the street mains, has been put in practice. Among the machines of this class is the hydraulic elevator represented in the accompanying plate, known as Hinkle's patent, and built by Messrs. Stokes & Parrish, Thirtieth and Chestnut streets, Philadelphia, very well known as builders of both steam and hydraulic passenger elevators. The advantages of the latter are mainly its cheapness and simplicity, as the first cost is moderate; and when water from the mains is used the running expenses are very small, as no coal and engineer are required; besides this, the smoothness of motion is greater, as the hoist is accomplished by a single stroke of the piston, and is not liable to the jerky movement sometimes felt in steam elevators, due to the passing of the cranks over the centers.

The machine consists of a long cast iron cylinder, proportioned to the weight and height of the lift. In this cylinder works an ordinary piston, well packed, with a piston rod passing through a stuffing box. The end of the piston rod carries two equalizing sheaves on a pivoted cross head. Around each of these passes a wire rope which then winds or unwinds from a drum, according to the motion of the piston. The action of these sheaves is to accommodate any unequal stretching of the ropes and to divide the strain. Keyed to the same shaft as the small drum are two larger drums, from one of which the hoisting rope passes over suitable guide pulleys to the car, and of course hoists or lowers it as it is coiled or uncoiled in response to the action of the small drum and piston. It will readily be seen that the ratio of the travel of the elevator to the stroke of the piston will be the same as the ratio between the large and small drums. This is generally as four to one. Of course the travel of the car will be four times the stroke of the piston. Advantage was taken of this principle by the builders in supplying the two larger drums of different sizes, in order to accommodate light loads and quick travel. By the movement of a lever the rope is caused to wind around either the one or the other without further

trouble or loss of time. If there is a light load, the large drum will lift the car or platform quicker and cause it to reach the top of the building before the entire stroke of the piston is exhausted, and a corresponding amount of water is saved. If the drum is a third larger than the other, one third of the cylinder full of water will be economized. Where this supply is drawn from the mains and each full trip costs a cent or two, the saving from this device will amount to something in a year's use. Where the pressure of the water mains cannot be applied, a receiver is used of 1500 or 2000 gallons capacity. Into this air is pumped to about 30 lbs. pressure, and then, with the same pump, it is half filled with water, increasing the pressure to 60 lbs. This pump maintains the pressure automatically, being so regulated as to increase the supply as it is drawn off by the elevator. A very little steam and a small pump will answer for this purpose; one pump would supply several elevators if located in adjoining buildings. The whole arrangement is so simple that it does not require the services of a skilled engineer, as anyone with ordinary intelligence can run it. In case the pump is used the water enters the cylinder from the receiver and lifts the car. When it descends the valves are first moved so as to open connection between the cylinder and a tank, when the weight of the car forces the water into this tank, from which it is pumped to the receiver again, and so on, using the same water indefinitely. The valve apparatus is quite simple, and is regulated by an endless wire rope, passing through or by the car. This rope moves a pinion which works a slotted segment. The two valves are moved by two pins worked in the slot; one valve admits the water under pressure from the receiver to the cylinder, the other cuts off connection with the exhaust tank, and the car ascends. When the motion of the valves is reversed the car descends. When the valves are thrown into the intermediate position the car stops. To secure safety, an additional rope is attached



IMPROVED SHAPING MACHINE, BY MESSRS. FERRIS & MILES.

to the car in the same manner as the hoisting rope, but an inch or two longer so as to be free from strain. If the working rope breaks, of course the falling car is immediately caught by the safety rope without further damage. Another method, which is sometimes used alone and sometimes in addition to the latter, is to attach a spring catch to the car, fitted to engage in ratchet teeth along the framework of the hoist. This catch is held out of gear by the stress upon the rope; if, however, the rope breaks the stress is relieved, the catch flies out and holds the car in position, thus making accidents almost an impossibility. All these advantages, with the various precautions against loss and injury, make the elevator an important and efficient factor in bringing the upper stories of buildings into easy communication, in accelerating the storage and shipment of goods, and in various ways adding to the comfort and convenience of the occupants.

A Famous English Clock.—A recent issue of the London Times contains an interesting article on that famous English clock known the world over as "Big Ben." The dial of this wonderful clock is 22 feet in diameter, the area exactly 400 square feet and the fall of the weight 175 feet. There are five bells for chiming, and the respective weights of the four smaller bells are 80 cwt., 36 cwt., 30 cwt. and 20 cwt. The weight of the hammer is 4 cwt. It ought to be 8 cwt., and until the bell cracked the hammer, which was in use did weigh that much. The winding up of the running part takes 10 minutes, but the winding up of the striking parts—the quarter part and the hour part—takes five hours each, and this has to be

done twice a week. The error of the clock amounts to only one second for 83 days. The weight of the pendulum is 680 pounds, and it can be accelerated a second a day by putting on an ounce weight. The figures on the enamel transparent dial are 2 feet in length. The frame-work bears the following inscription: "This clock made in the year of our Lord 1854, by Frederick Dent, of the Strand and Royal Exchange, clockmaker to the Queen, from the design of Edmund Beckett Denison, Q. C." Just above the clock room is situated the bell tower, now undergoing repairs. In the center hangs Big Ben, surrounded by the four smaller bells already alluded to. The bell is beautifully chased, and bears an inscription around the lower rim: "This bell, weighing 13 tons 11 cwt. 15 lbs. was cast by George Mears, of Whitechapel, for the clock of the Houses of Parliament, under the direction of Edmund Beckett Denison, Q. C., in the twenty-first year of the reign of Queen Victoria, and in the year of our Lord 1855."

Glass Manufacture in New Jersey.

The extensive and important glass manufacturing interest of New Jersey, which for the past few years has been in a rather languishing condition (attributable to general business troubles and ruptures between the manufacturers and operatives), is showing perceptible signs of revival.

A correspondent of the Boston Commercial Bulletin says: Just now, as is usual at this season of the year, the glass works are closed for repairs and alterations, but a general reopening will take place the first week in September, and it is understood the greater number of the leading establishments will be operated to their fullest capacity during the coming winter, as the manufacturers have received heavy orders for wares that will require a long time for their production.

An unusually busy season among the fruit preserving and packing firms of the State has depleted the stock of glass-ware used for such purposes, and the glass works will have to be run day and night, after their resumption, to replace the stocks of fruit jars and similar vessels that are used in many farming sections during the fall and winter months.

The demand for window glass has also increased this season; the supply on hand is almost entirely reduced, and the production of this article will make the factors interested in its manufacture busy for an indefinite period. From the assurance that the glass men have from the South and West of large contracts, their prospects are certainly very flattering, and additional facilities will be necessitated at some of the establishments to hasten the manufacture of the goods ordered.

The window glass manufacturing interest is now one of the principal industries of this country, and is destined, eventually, to check the importation from France and Belgium. In fact, many of the American manufacturers have, within the past year, been exporting large quantities of glass and glass-ware.

There are some 72 establishments in the United States devoted to the production of window glass and glass articles of general use and ornament.

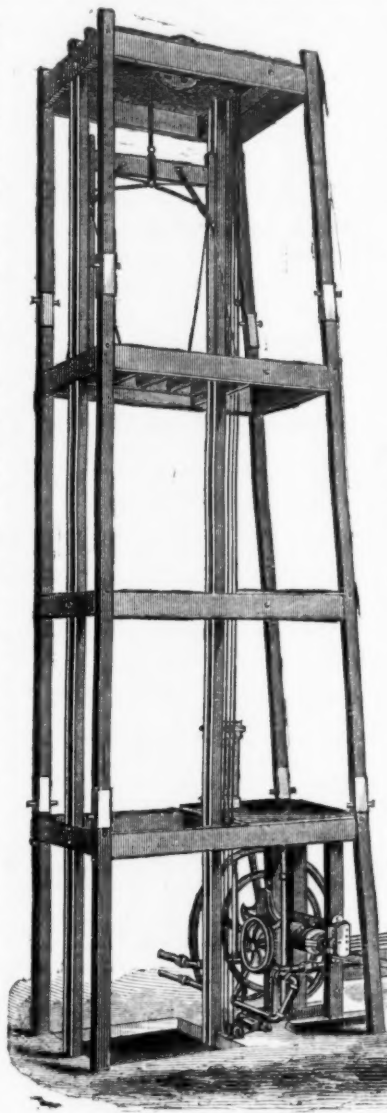
Twenty-seven of these are in New Jersey; the others are scattered through New England, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Ohio and elsewhere in the West. The South and West Jersey glass works, however, are popular for producing a larger variety of wares than the establishments elsewhere.

In consequence, too, of the materials used in the manufacture of glass being found right at home, the factors have an opportunity of producing superior manufactures. To make a large market the prices that have ruled for some time past have been materially cut down this season, and still greater reductions may possibly be made, as the trade season makes its advent.

The capital invested in the glass industry is about \$6,000,000 in New Jersey alone, while the annual production of the States is between 2,000,000 and 3,000,000 boxes of the various qualities and sizes of window glass. The number of cases of household, druggists' and chemists' goods, and other useful and ornamental wares, is carefully estimated at between 50,000 and 60,000. Several establishments produced thousands of dozens of patented fruit jars, and to these the present season is their busiest.

Military Bridge Building.—Very extensive bridging operations have been recently carried on on the River Elbe by the engineers of the German army. Among other exercises gone through was one of particular interest at the present moment, namely, the construction of a pontoon bridge across the river near Schonebeck during the night. Nine companies of pioneers, numbering altogether 44 officers and 800 workmen, were assembled on the occa-

sion, but only four companies were actually employed in the construction of the bridge, the remaining five companies being previously passed across the river on rafts and extended as an advanced guard on the assumed enemy's side to cover the operation. The rafts employed for this preliminary operation were formed each of two pontoons coupled together. Four oarsmen and one steerer were employed on each raft, and each one carried from 35 to 40 men with their arms and accoutrements. The time occupied in thus throwing the advanced guard across the river was about a quarter of an hour. The tactical idea for the manœuvre was that the main body of an enemy's army was distant about a day's march from the Elbe, but that patrols pushed forward by him had arrived in the immediate vicinity of the river. It was therefore essential that the bridge should be constructed without these latter becoming aware that the operation was being carried on at the particular point chosen, and, consequently the utmost silence, not only in giving orders but also in putting the material together, had to be observed. The bridge was constructed by



NEW HYDRAULIC ELEVATOR, BY MESSRS. STOKES & PARRISH.

forfeited to the use of the State. We read in the "Journal of the House of Lords," under date September 29, that "an ordinance was this day presented to the House that Peter Cannon shall have the benefit of his invention for the making of ordnance and guns which will prove very advantageous for the Commonwealth. Read thrice and agreed to." This was duly sent down to the Commons, but nothing was ever done, although the Lords sent repeated messages to the Lower House from time to time, and on March 26, 1646, they again "put the Commons in mind of Captain Cannon's business. He hath deserved very well, and they desire that consideration may be had of it." The captain does not appear to have taken out a patent for his invention; it must probably be added to the list of those which all have agreed to admire but none to reward. It is, however, just possible that there may have been some reason why he went uncompensated, as there is an entry in the Parliamentary journals of the day to the effect that Captain Peter Cannon—in all probability the same—was sharply admonished to return without delay certain government stores in his possession on pain of imprisonment. Cannon's invention does not seem to have been noticed by any of the writers on the history of gunnery.

New Submarine Armor.—A new submarine armor is exhibited in Cleveland. The body consists of Otis steel, while the limbs and helmet are of beaten copper, operating on ball-and-socket joints, overlaid with a coating of heavy rubber. The whole is, of course, water and air tight. To the head piece are two lines of rubber hose. One of these acts as an air supply pipe, and is attached to an air force pump, while the other carries off the bad air and acts as a telegraph wire connected with a telephone. There is a glass window in the fall of the helmet. On touching the water, although it took five men to lift the armor, it contained so much air that it almost floated. More weight was attached, and it went to the bottom nicely. Here the diver could make himself plainly understood by the telephone, but could not hear what was said above. If this apparatus proves to be sufficiently convenient to allow a man to work in it, it will enable us to make a vast increase in the scope of submarine work. The depth at which work can be performed in an armor of this kind would only be limited by the strength of the material, while at the present, with the armor in use, the depth is limited by the pressure which a man can sustain. It is possible that with the improved armor the length of time which a man can work under water will be greatly increased. In some situations it certainly will be.

Iron Barges.—Several years ago, in the light of the prosperity of the iron trade, a good deal was said about building iron barges for the use of the St. Louis produce trade more particularly. They were not built then, and it is just as well perhaps that they were not. The Des Moines canal had not then been completed. The jetties had no existence save in the brain of their originator, and the high price of iron and labor would have made the barges cost much more money than they will cost now. When the discussion respecting the building of iron barges was progressing in St. Louis, the means of constructing them had not been provided. But now there is a yard where such work is done, properly equipped with the necessary plant for a successful prosecution of the work, and there is no reason why a line of light draft iron barges may not be put afloat whenever wanted. Iron is much cheaper than it used to be. Labor is very much lower also, and there are greatly improved prospects of river business. The railways have fought the waterpaths until they have greatly impaired their own value, and in some cases have completely wrecked themselves. Now they will try the plan of charging a paying rate of freight without attempting to compete for the bulky business which can be moved so much more economically and comprehensively by water. The Missouri River, the Upper Mississippi and the Illinois rivers need a line of iron barges, owned by a strong, live, energetic company, who would not only furnish the barges but see to it that their barges got produce to carry. There is a good opening now for such an enterprise, and the remainder of the present century may not afford a more favorable time for the building of the barges than the present.—St. Louis Republican.

An Early Breech-Loader.

Among the documents preserved in the House of Lords and mentioned in the recently published Sixth Report of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts, is a petition from one Captain Peter Cannon—the name is appropriate—praying for a reward for his invention of breech-loading ordnance. The petition is dated September 26, 1645, and sets forth that he was one of the first employed to provide the train of artillery for the state, and, to show his fidelity to the cause of God maintained by Parliament, he has spent much time and money in inventing iron and brass ordnance, to be loaded at the "breeche," as others now are at the mouth; in this way they may be loaded and discharged much oftener than others, and are more secure by sea and land, to the saving of gunners killed in loading and sponging other ordnance at the mouth. The petitioner prays that, as he has by his own industry discovered this invention never before attained unto, the House would grant him an ordinance for the working and casting of such ordnance, as if any one else should presume to cast any pieces after his invention without his leave, they may be

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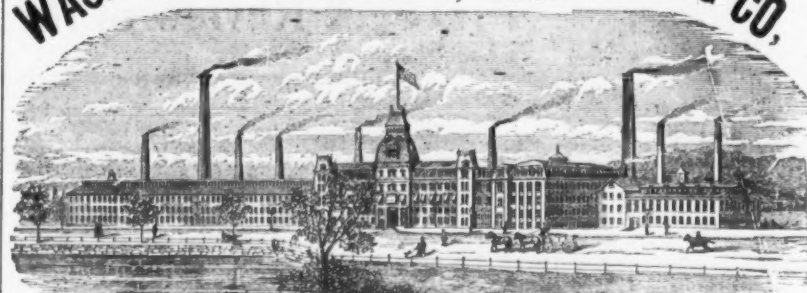
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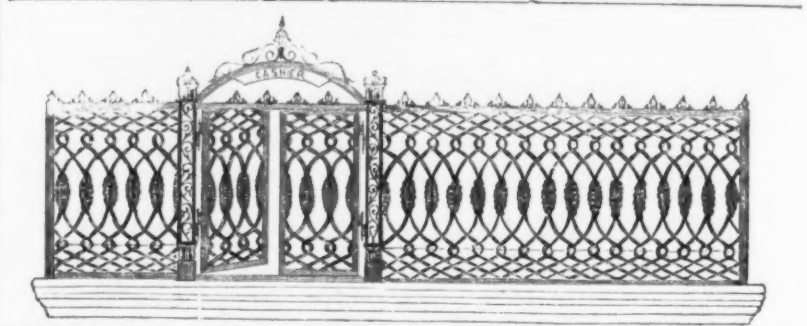


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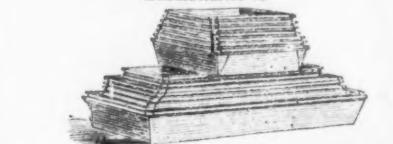
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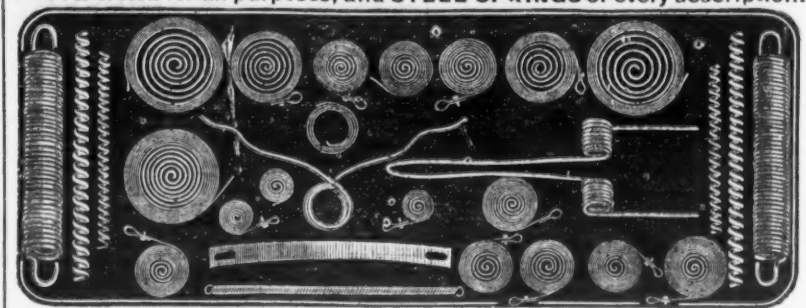
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Messrs. Loring, Nickerson & Green are
the contractors, and they are progressing
satisfactorily, though not as fast as they
have done the past four months, on account
of the increasing hardness of the rock. The
holes are drilled with double-bitted drills
from six to eight feet deep; the boring
machinery is run back on the track about
200 feet and the blasts exploded. The
gases resulting from the combustion of the
gun powder are highly noxious, but the
deleterious effects are more likely to be felt
at a distance of 200 feet or more from the
heading of the tunnel than right up at the
breast where air is supplied by the
compressors.

Twenty lodes have already been intersected
by this colossal prospecting enterprise, two
of which have been worked extensively,
and immense quantities of ore have been
taken out. The principal lode as yet dis-
covered is the New Era, which generally
carries a body of solid ore from two to
three, and in some places as much as four
feet in thickness. This, however, is of low
grade, but owing to the increasing facilities
for transportation and treatment of this
class of ore, it cannot fail to prove highly
remunerative; indeed, a vein half the size
of this would be a bonanza in any other
place than Clear Creek county, where silver
is the ore that is most particularly sought
after and devoutly wished for; but the time
is not far distant when many of the mines in
this county that have not been touched for
years will be actively worked for the lead
they contain, and will yield handsome profits
to their owners.

The New Era was cut 920 feet from the
commencement of the tunnel, and has been
opened out by drifting 250 feet each way.
Fifty feet west from the tunnel a winze 40
feet deep has recently been sunk, and a drift
is being run west from a point in the shaft
35 feet below the tunnel level. This will
open up a slope carrying a vein of galena
of incredible size and undoubted perma-
nency, the upper edge of which forms the
floor of the drift above. This lode is 14 feet
in width, dips to the north at an angle of 35
degrees, and its course is nearly east and
west.

The Rider lode is 1700 feet from the
tunnel's entrance, and has been partly
explored. We did not examine this
vein, but Mr. Loring, the foreman
to whom we are indebted for much
valuable information and a ride on the car
from the breast to the mouth of the tunnel,
informs us that a drift has been run east on
the lode 40 feet, and another one west 80
feet.

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persevering efforts of the Burleigh Tunnel
Company to discover something else will ulti-
mately be rewarded, and we never know
the day or the hour that we may be called
upon to chronicle the discovery of the "big-
gest thing yet" by this company in the un-
explored interior of Sherman mountain.—
Colorado Miner.

Torpedoes.

Attempts have been made to classify tor-
pedoes, but the new arm in warfare is as
varied as if it belonged to Briareus. Sev-
eral torpedo contrivances have been already
described in *The Iron Age*, and attentive read-
ers are by this time familiar with the con-
struction and operation of the more noted
ones, such as the torpedo used on the Russian
launches, that being principally a mass of
gun-cotton fixed on the end of a spar, and
needing to be carried by a brave crew to its
destination; the Whitehead or fish torpedo,
which is started by being shot out of a tube
under water, and possesses its own means of
propulsion in a screw worked by compressed
air, driving it beneath the surface at the
rate of twelve to twenty miles per hour for
a distance of one or two thousand yards;
the Lay torpedo, an American invention,
which is managed from shore by a line that
unreels as it proceeds, the line carrying an
electric wire that controls machinery within
the torpedo, and determines all its motions at
the will of the operator. It is difficult to
speak with certainty of the comparative
merits of different torpedoes, but if the Lay
torpedo can do all that is claimed for it, it
should be the best, as it is certainly the most
manageable. Its motive power is compressed
carbonic acid. The objections urged against
that torpedo by foreign critics are an alleged
want of speed, and the possibility that its
approach may be detected by the flag it car-
ries to let the operator know its where-
abouts. Neither of these objections appears
to be important. Besides the foregoing,
there is a torpedo well spoken of that is man-
aged by towing. It is the invention of an
English officer, Capt. Harvey. When the
tow-rope of this machine is slackened, it
dives beneath the surface, and is then ready
to explode on impact. The rocket float is an-
other, in which a burning rocket drives a tor-
pedo on a sort of canoe with great speed over
the surface of the water. An invention of al-
most equal promise is a torpedo carried by
a small balloon. The torpedo is so arranged
as to fall from the balloon at the expiration
of a given time. The direction of the bal-
loon is not necessarily that of the wind, as
suitable vanes give it a divergence. With
practice it is thought this torpedo can be
made to drop very nearly if not quite on a
spot 100 feet square, at a distance of three
or four miles.

The foreign timber trade of America is
evidently on the increase. Usually the
month of June, for instance, brings England
about six times as much hewn stock from
Russia as from this side of the Atlantic,
owing to the fact that spring goods from the
East get to market sooner than those from
the West; but this year the "colonies"
shipped 29,737 loads in June against 46,883
loads from the Baltic—less than a half
instead of six times as much as ordinarily.
The mother country regards this as an

indication that the American import trade
has only just fairly begun, and that she need
have no fears of a deficiency in her pine
timber supply; or, as a London cotem-
porary puts it: "If in the month of June,
when we have heretofore looked more to
Northern Europe than to America for our
supply, America has made such a formida-
ble increase of shipments to this country,
what may we not expect further on? for
there is also a very large addition to its sup-
ply of sawn wood for the same month, being
27,715 loads above the amount that came
forward in June 1876, and in fact 20,927
loads more than we received from Russia
during the same period." It will be seen,
therefore, that this branch of the import
trade is steadily increasing to conform to
the spirit of the times for searching out new
markets.

The Weimer Blowing Engine.

The Lebanon, Pa., *Courier* says: During
the past week a series of experiments have
been conducted at the Weimer Machine
Works with the short-stroke blowing engine
built at the establishment for the Ogden
Iron Company of Chicago. The new engine
has a 36-inch diameter steam cylinder, with
72-inch diameter blowing cylinder, both
cylinders having 3-foot stroke. Before ship-
ping the engine, Mr. Weimer determined to
test its powers to their fullest capacity, and
for this purpose connected the engine with
the boilers of the works, forcing the blast
generated into a large air receiver especially
erected for testing blowing engines.

A large number of indicator diagrams were
taken of both steam and air cylinders under
various speeds and pressures. The air
pressure was frequently run up to 14½
pounds, and the speed attained was often
over 75 revolutions per minute. The fric-
tion or "lost power," as shown by the indi-
cator, was only 3¼ per cent., and at times
less than this trifling amount.

Every calculation of the builder and
designer was fully realized by actual prac-
tice, and from 10,000 to 12,500 feet of cubic
air was discharged per minute at pressure
varying from 6 to 14 pounds per square
inch.

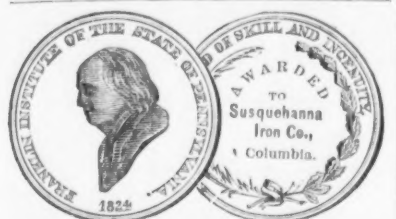
The Weimer Machine Works have always
been working toward cheapening the cost of
erecting blast furnaces, and this last effort
will reduce the cost of the blast-producing
power to one-half that paid for the ordinary
blowing engine. A large number of furnace
proprietors from a distance, as well as our
home management, visited the works during
the progress of the experimental trials,
expressing themselves highly pleased.

There was also on exhibition at the Weimer
Works two sections of Mr. Weimer's sus-
pended hot-blast stove, an invention which
is interesting to iron men. This stove has
been adopted by the Baltimore Iron Com-
pany, and a letter from one of the officers
speaks of it in the most flattering manner.
Inquiries are being made from the iron
districts from all parts of the country
relative to Mr. Weimer's improvements and
inventions.

**The "Crimper" Strike in the Glass
Trade.**—The condition of the glass man-
ufacturing trade of Pittsburgh is not as
encouraging as it should be, although
the flint houses are in full operation,
with but few exceptions. These houses
manufacture what is known as pressed or
table ware. The establishments of Messrs.
Doyle & Co. and Duncan & Sons are the
latest to start, having commenced operations
during the present week. In most of the
shops the manufacturers allege that the
mechanic is receiving the same wages paid
for the last eight years, and with low mar-
ket prices and railroad discrimination the
prospects for Pittsburgh manufacturers is
anything but favorable. In the lamp chim-
ney trade the situation is still more gloomy.
In a "move" of six hours, or a half day's
work, 50 more chimneys are turned out by
the simple patent process. By the former
process the blower "crimped" or scolloped
the chimney by hand, but by the machine
the tending boy does the work, which is
more uniform and performed with less
waste by breakage. The machine was
invented by Mr. Thomas B. Atterbury and
sold to Messrs. Dithridge & Co., of the Fort
Pitt Works. The blowers object to work
this machine on the grounds that it will over-
stock the market, and will ruin those who
do not use the patent in the manufacture of
chimneys—an assumption which is certainly
preposterous on the part of the workmen.
They say they will agree to work the
machine provided the employer allows the
same number of chimneys for a day's work.
The result of this strike will be, if success-
ful, to drive this machine to the Eastern
manufacturing district, to the total destruc-
tion of the manufacturing interests here.
The manufacturers claim that while ma-
terials have greatly decreased in price the
workmen are receiving the same wages paid
during the past eight years, and that their
profits are actually smaller notwithstanding
these reductions in the raw materials.—
Chronicle.

Flue Dust.—The working of the flue dust
at the Lemmon mills is progressing very
favorably. The proprietors find no trouble
in extracting the silver and lead, but the
gold contained in the dust has as yet eluded
the process. This trouble is laid to the
coarseness of the article, and it is being run
through the sample mill at the Consolidated
Works. It is thought that by grinding it
to the required fineness all of the precious
metals can be saved. The roaster is working
well, and the pans, concentrators and ag-
itators, although of an old-fashioned pattern,
are doing much better work than was antici-
pated. Some trouble has been experienced
with the machinery, its long disease and
necessity of adapting it to the work causing
some delay. The firm are very much
encouraged with their experiments, and
have no fears of the ultimate success of the
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II. COAL.

Lehigh Valley coal is considered the best coal for melting iron because it is harder than some of the other coals and is more free from sulphur; but coal from the Lackawanna Valley and Schuylkill Valley, or Pottsville region, is also extensively used in the melting of iron in foundries. In selecting coal for the cupola care should be taken to get as hard and solid a coal as possible, and a coal that will not slack down when the heat strikes it. Most any of the anthracite coals can be used for melting iron in cupolas. When the coal is soft or poor a much larger percentage of coal must be used, and the charges of coal must be increased in weight toward the last of the heat, as will be seen by reference to melting done at the car works at Berwick, Pa., where the coal used was soft coal from the Wilkesbarre region.

LARGE COAL.

The majority of foundrymen and melters believe that it is impossible to melt iron without large coal, and they will always select the largest lumps they can get and put them in for the bed. Some plate or other light scrap is then charged on the coal to prevent it from being broken up by throwing in the pig or other heavy iron. This they claim makes a bed that will last longer and do better melting than a bed of small coal. The first charge of iron is put in on the bed, and then the second charge of two or three hundred of coal is put in in large lumps as before, and probably will not more than half cover the bed of iron. The next charge of iron is then put in and the next charge of coal in the same way, and so on. The blast is put on, and the cold wind finds the large openings between the large lumps of coal (which will naturally be formed by throwing large lumps of coal in a pile), and will penetrate to the center of the cupola before it becomes hot. The iron is melted on top of the bed and runs down through the large lumps of coal like water through a stone pile, and passes through the cold blast which is constantly coming in, and the iron is decarbonized, chilled and hardened. The "old foggy" idea of using large coal for melting iron in cupolas is the cause of more hard and uneven iron than anything else.

SMALL COAL.

I have made some thorough tests in melting iron with different sized coal, and I have found that good melting can be done with any size if the coal is good. The egg size coal is a good size for small cupolas, and what is known as grate or steamboat coal is the best size for large cupolas, and I should recommend it for the melting of iron in cupolas in preference to large coal for the following reasons: It will pack closer in the bed than large coal and will last equally as long; the blast will be heated before it can penetrate any distance into the cupola; the iron, being melted on top of the bed, will be slowly filtered down through the bed, and will be purified and superheated before it reaches the sand bottom. The second charge of two or three hundred of coal can be spread over the charge of iron so as to completely cover it and separate the charges of iron, thus making the iron melt at a more even temperature, which will make a softer and a more even iron. A smaller percentage of coal will be necessary than when large coal is used. Foundrymen should be careful when using small coal to get the best hard coal, as it produces the best results.

COKE.

Coke is extensively used for melting iron in cupolas for foundry purposes through the Western and Southwestern States. Connellsville and Pittsburgh coke is considered the best coke for foundry purposes. The Steubenville and other Ohio coals are sometimes used for melting iron, but they contain so much sulphur that they cannot be used in melting iron for stove plate or other light work, as the coke does not have body enough to give life to the iron and the sulphur hardens it and makes it brittle. Gas-house coke is sometimes used for melting iron, and does very well when it is made out of Connellsville or Pittsburgh coal, but it has not as much body as the Connellsville or Pittsburgh coke, and more of it has to be used to give life to the iron. Gas-house coke made from canal coal cannot be used for melting iron in cupolas. Poor coke will improve if left lying out in the weather for a long time. Wet coke seems to make hotter iron than dry coke.

COAL AND COKE.

When coke is used for melting iron in a cupola a much larger heat can be melted than could be melted in the same sized cupola with coal. Coke will melt iron faster than coal. Coal or coke will make iron equally hot and fluid. Coal will make more slag than coke, and the cupola will be harder to pick out when coal is used than when coke is used. Iron will take up sulphur more readily from coke, and will be infused more from sulphur in coke than from sulphur in coal. Poor coke is worse than poor coal for melting iron. More blast is required for melting iron with coal than with coke. I have seen a great deal of melting done with both coal and coke, and I consider that equally as good melting can be done with the one as the other.

CHARCOAL.

Charcoal will make iron softer, stronger and more fluid than coal or coke. Yet notwithstanding these facts, charcoal has, on account of being expensive, been generally abandoned as a fuel in the melting of iron in cupolas for foundry purposes, although it is still used in some parts of the country where wood is plenty and coal or coke is expensive, or when the quality of the castings is more of an object than the expense of making them. When charcoal is used for melting iron in a cupola the cupola should not be as high as the coal or coke cupola. Three or four feet is the best height for a charcoal cupola. The iron should be charged in small charges and a mild blast used. Only small quantities of iron can be melted at a time with charcoal fuel.

CUPOLAS.

The cupola furnace has almost entirely taken the place of the reverberatory furnace

for melting iron in foundries, because they have the advantage over the reverberating furnace of melting either a large or small amount of iron, and of melting it faster and hotter and with less fuel; but iron melted in the cupola furnace will not make as strong or as sound a casting as iron melted in the reverberatory furnace. To overcome this disadvantage the foundryman has adopted the theory that he will sell you a casting cheap, and if it breaks he will sell you another one cheap. The cupola furnace has been in use for a great many years, and is almost as old an invention as the reverberatory furnace. Cupolas were first built in England and in this country with a stationary fire-brick hearth or bottom, and a large opening was left in the front, through which the dump, or refuse, was drawn out with hooks in place of dumping it by dropping the bottom. The large opening in the front was filled in with sand or loam, and a plate fastened in front of it to prevent it from being blown out, and the tap-hole was put in the same as at the present time. The old style draw cupola, as it is called, is still in general use in England, and some few are still in use in this country in some of the Southern States. I saw three of them in use in a foundry in Baltimore two years ago. But the draw cupola has, as a general thing, been replaced in this country by the drop-bottom cupola, which is an American invention. With a view of making some improvement in cupolas, foundrymen have constructed them in all shapes and of all sizes and forms, and tuyeres have been put in in different shapes for admitting the blast into the stock. I have shown or described some of the principal cupolas in use at the present time that I have melted iron in or seen it melted in; but I do not consider any of the new style or odd-shaped cupolas superior to the common straight cupola for melting iron or for economy in fuel. In order to do good melting in any cupola the lining must be kept in proper shape, as explained further on.

CONSTRUCTION OF CUPOLAS.

When constructing a cupola the first and most important thing is to decide where it shall be put. In deciding this question there are two things to be considered; the first is, Where will it be the handiest to get the iron and fuel to it? and the next is, Where will it be the handiest to get the iron away from it? The latter is by far the most important point to be considered, especially in foundries where light work is made. It is easier to wheel pig iron to a cupola than it is to carry molten iron away from a cupola, and the cupola should be set as near the center of the foundry as possible, so that the iron can be carried away from it in all directions, and so make the distance to carry it as short as possible.

THE FOUNDATION.

A good solid stone foundation should be put down for the cupola to stand upon. If the foundation is not solid, it is liable to settle when the weight of the cupola and stock comes upon it, and may crack the bottom plate, which will make trouble. The height that a cupola should be from the floor will vary according to the class of work that it is intended for. In stove-plate foundries, where the iron is all carried in hand ladles, the average height is from 10 to 20 inches, and in machinery foundries, where large ladles are used, the average height is from 2 to 3 feet. When the cupola is very low a pit should be put in, so that the bottom can be dropped and the refuse taken away easily. This pit may be put in on any side of the cupola where it will be most convenient. When put in front of the cupola it may be covered with cast iron plates and the plates covered with a few inches of sand to prevent the iron flying in case any is spilled. Cupolas may be set on brick walls or on iron columns. When the cupola is set high the columns are the best, as they will last longer than brick and are handier to get around. Care should be taken not to set the cupola too high, as the iron will sparkle and fly in falling into the ladles, and a great deal of it will be wasted in the course of time.

BOTTOM PLATE.

The bottom plate or ring upon which the cupola stands should be made of good strong iron, and cast with strengthening ribs on it, so that it will not break when the weight of the cupola and stock comes upon it, for if the bottom plate once gets broken it will always make trouble in putting up the doors and putting in the sand bottom, and make it more liable to cut through and run out. In small cupolas the bottom plate should only come flush with the inside of the brick lining, so as to allow the sand bottom to fall out easily when the door is dropped. In large cupolas the bottom plate should project 3 or 6 inches inside of the brick lining, so as to make the door smaller and easier to handle. When the bottom plate projects inside of the lining, the lining should be arranged so as not to give the sand bottom too much bearing and prevent it from dropping out easily.

THE IRON BOTTOM.

The cast iron drop door, divided into two or more pieces, is generally used for the bottom. It should be made as light as possible so as to be easily raised. Wrought iron doors are sometimes used on account of being lighter and easier raised. They answer equally as well as the cast iron doors. The door or doors should be supported by a good solid prop under them, and not by a latch that is liable to give way at any time and burn everyone around the cupola. Slide bottoms are sometimes used for large cupolas. These bottoms are divided in the center and rest upon a slide at each end. They are shoved forward into place with a bar and drawn back by a chain and windlass. The slide bottom makes a very good, safe bottom, but it is not always as convenient as the drop door. The iron bottom should be perforated with small holes to allow the steam and gas from the sand bottom to escape without passing up through the molten iron.

CAISSON OR SHELL.

The caisson for cupolas should be made out of boiler iron, or heavy sheet iron bars of angle iron should be riveted around on the inside of the caisson about 3 or 4 feet apart, so as to support the lining, and in case part of it gives out, to admit of its being taken out and repaired without taking down the whole lining. The angle iron also stiffens

and strengthens the caisson and is better than brackets. The old style cast iron stove caisson with a brick stack is still made and used in some parts of the country. They are more expensive than the boiler iron caisson and are not near so good, as the staves are liable to break from the expansion and shrinkage and crack the lining and allow the blast to escape. The caisson should be well painted with coal tar to prevent its rusting and make it last longer. The caisson will often rust through and give way near the bottom in a short time. This is caused by the lining sweating and the moisture settling at the bottom, and by putting in a heavy sand bottom and allowing no way for the moisture in the sand to escape, this keeps the lower courses of brick always wet and damp, and the rust soon eats through the caisson. This trouble may be overcome by laying the first two or three courses of brick out 1 or 2 inches from the caisson, so as to form a small air chamber all around the bottom of the cupola. The bottom of the caisson should be perforated with small holes to supply this chamber with fresh air and allow the steam and moisture to escape.

CUPOLA STACK.

The diameter of the stack should not be more than one-half the diameter of the caisson, so as to concentrate the heat. It should be drawn in just above the charging door, so as to throw the heat downward on the stock. The stack should be high enough to give the cupola a good and even draft. A cupola with a good draft will melt better and make softer iron than one with a poor draft, for the nearer we can come to a natural draft the better for the iron. More power will be required to drive the fan or blower when the cupola has little or no draft, for the blast has to be forced clear out at the top of the stack.

I consider the stack one of the most important parts of the cupola.

THE SCAFFOLD.

The scaffold should be built large enough to keep stock sufficient for a rainy day or an accident and have plenty of room to get around. The floor should be made of cast iron plates properly fitted together so as to be fire-proof and easy to shovel scrap or fuel off. The scaffold should be cleaned up and the floor swept every day, so as not to get too much dirt and sand into the cupola.

CHARGING DOOR.

The charging hole should be large enough, and so arranged that the melter can throw in the iron with ease, and at the same time see where it lights and how it lies. The door should be made to fit close, and lined with fire-brick to prevent it from warping. A cast iron door frame, filled in with fire-brick, makes the best door for a cupola. Two charging holes are sometimes put in, in a large cupola (one on each side), for convenience in charging the stock. Cupolas are arranged in this way at James L. Haven & Co.'s novelty foundry in Cincinnati, Ohio, and at Smith & Sons' pipe foundry in Pittsburgh, Pa. Two charging holes are generally put in in all large cupolas where coke is used as a fuel.

ELEVATORS.

There are a great many ways of getting the stock upon the scaffold. At some foundries the iron and fuel is all thrown upon a platform, and from there thrown upon the scaffold. This is a very poor way of getting up the stock, as it makes a great deal of unnecessary handling of the iron, and there is a great deal of the fuel wasted by being broken up fine, so that it is not fit for use in the cupola. Other foundries have a runway, and wheel up all the stock in wheelbarrows. This is a better way of getting up the stock than by throwing it up; but it is very hard work wheeling up iron, especially if the runway is very steep, as it generally is. In most of the large foundries they have stann elevators for taking up the stock. These elevators are very handy, and take up less room than a runway does, and the saving in labor will soon pay for the expense of the elevator. The expense of running an elevator is very little, for it is only run an hour or two each day. There are several different kinds of elevators in use in foundries; but the principal one in use is the common straight stann elevator. Where it is desirable to carry the iron some distance, as well as elevate it, other kinds of elevators are used. In one foundry that I visited, where the stock was all kept in the cellar, an inclined plane elevator was used for taking the stock upon the scaffold. This elevator was made by running two endless chains over two shive pulleys at the top and two at the bottom, and fastening shelves or buckets on to the chains. The stock was put on at the bottom and dropped off at the top as it went over the shive pulleys. This makes a very good elevator, and is better adapted to some foundries than the straight elevator. In other foundries an inclined plane railroad is used, with a car drawn up by a rope or chain. This style of elevating the stock is very good where it is kept in the yard at some distance from the foundry, and where there is plenty of room; but it is not so well adapted to foundries where room is an object.

SCALES.

A good pair of scales should be kept on the scaffold, and all the stock that goes into the cupola should be weighed accurately. The scales should be swept off after every draught, and kept in good order. Most foundrymen think that any old scales are good enough for the scaffold, because they neither buy nor sell by them, but are merely dealing with themselves. It is very true that they are only dealing with themselves, and they are cheating themselves out of hundreds of dollars' worth of fuel every year. Some foundrymen do not have any scales at all on the scaffold, but depend upon the melter guessing at everything he puts into the cupola. Guessing at the amount of the stock charged is often the cause of slow melting, of dull iron, of irregular melting, of running short of iron and of burning out the lining in a short time, &c. There is not a foundryman in the country who depends upon the melter to guess at the weight of the stock he charges but what could save enough in one year to buy two or three pairs of good scales by having his stock accurately weighed. There is nothing gained by having a good pair of scales on the scaffold unless you see that the stock is carefully weighed and no more fuel used than is actually necessary.

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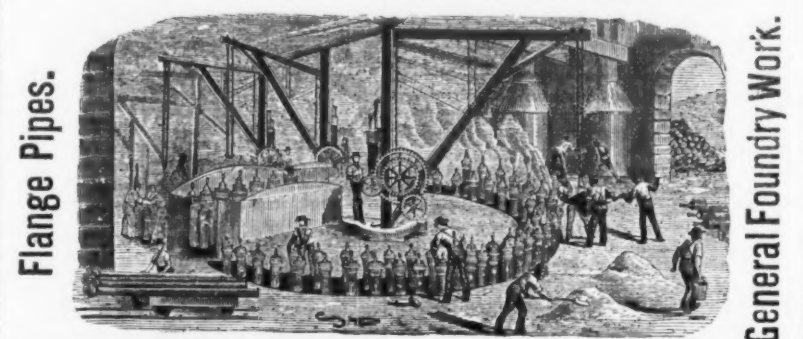
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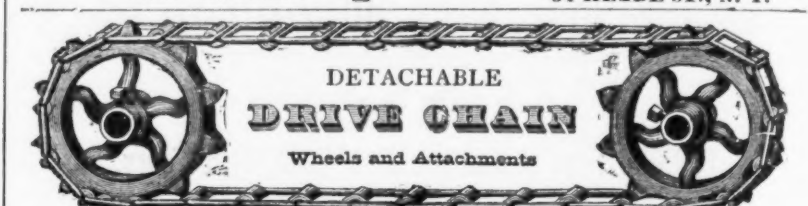
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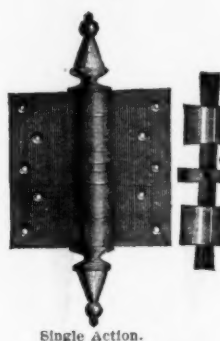
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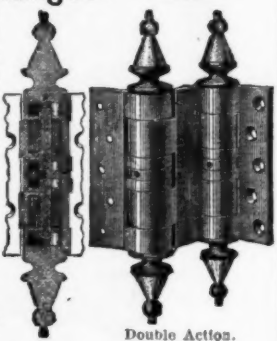
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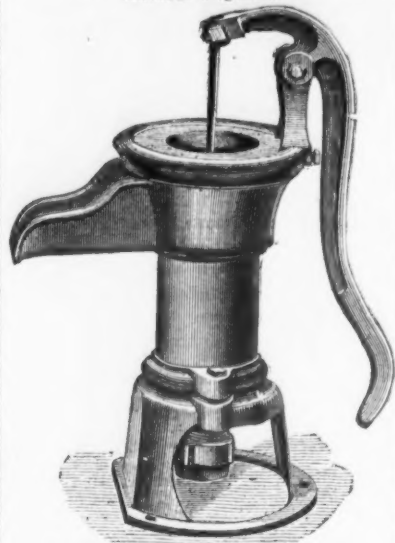
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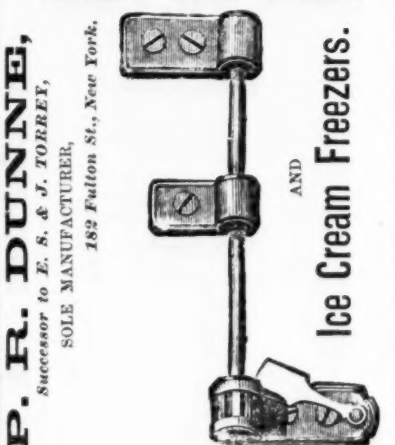
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Bridging the Bosphorus.

Col. James B. Eads, engineer of the iron
bridge at St. Louis, and who has so success-
fully planned and constructed the jetties at
the delta of the Mississippi River, has also
made elaborate plans for a grand iron bridge
over the Bosphorus, connecting Pera—
European Constantinople—with the Asiatic
shore. This project of the distinguished
engineer is now for the first time made pub-
lic through the courtesy of Mr. A. O. Lam-
bert, civil engineer, who has been largely
connected with great works of railway and
bridge construction in several countries of
the old world, and also in Nebraska, Mon-
tana, Idaho and particularly in the Southern
States. Mr. Lambert, in conjunction with
Capt. Eads, drew the plans, made the calcu-
lations and assisted at the surveys. It will
be seen that the work, when constructed,
will be the most important of the kind ever
completed, affording to the Turks, if that
day ever comes, a ready back door out of
Europe, in which they took up their resi-
dence some 400 years ago.

The bridge will be about 6000 feet long—
over a mile; will have 15 spans; will be 100
feet wide, and, save the masonry and floor-
ing, will be built of iron. The height of
the roadway above the surface of the water
will be 120 feet, thus affording ample pas-
sage ways beneath the arches for ingoing and
outgoing ships. It will be observed that
this elevation of the bridge above the Bos-
phorus is some 60 feet less than that of the
Brooklyn bridge above the East River, with
the difference that the latter is a suspension
bridge, while the former will present a series
of 15 bold arches thrown over the most at-
tractive waterscape in the world. The great-
est feat of engineering will be the bold cen-
tral arch, 750 feet span—over an eighth of a
mile. This is the longest span ever contem-
plated, and its construction will necessitate
the most careful labor and no small outlay
of money. In order to accomplish this single
portion of the work alone, two caissons
will have to be sunk in over 100 feet of
water; and this can only be done by cof-
ferdams and special contrivances, in their
complexity yet unknown to engineering. The
current at the point where these piers will
rise is very strong, coming through the Dar-
danelles from the Sea of Marmora, and rush-
ing to the Black Sea. The two central piers
constituting the backbone of the bridge, will
be 50 feet thick, of solid granite blocks, locked
together with iron braces. A side view of
the bridge will present below the highest
points of the arches an intricate system of
reinforce braces. It is in this part of the
construction that great ingenuity, nice math-
ematical calculation, and delicate mechanical
skill must be employed. By an invention of
Capt. Eads a new feature will be introduced,
so that a train of cars or any other heavy
burden will not superimpose its weight at
any one point over which it may be at the
moment, but will be distributed throughout
the 6000 feet of the supports, thus practi-
cally making it an easy task to build an arch
of 750 feet. This is accomplished by unit-
ing all the main bracing from pier head
to pier head, and connecting the minor rods,
so that the whole forms a complete system,
making one brace dependent on the other.
The action of heavy weights, of troops
marching to a common step, of rapid loco-
motion by the cars, is thus instantly com-
municated through every foot of the supports,
and every part is made to do its duty. It
will be remarked by the traveler who has
carefully noted the vibratory motion of the
suspension bridge, two miles below Niagara
Falls, that the strain on the guy braces is
very unequal, and at times, when the struc-
ture has been put to severe service, these
braces have suddenly become taut, threat-
ening to release themselves from their fasten-
ings. No such difficulty is apprehended in
the projected bridge over the Bosphorus.
Besides the main span of 750 feet, there will
be two spans of 500 feet each adjoining the
central one, and the distance between the
arches will go on diminishing as the bridge
approaches either shore until the arches
reach the minimum width of 200 feet.

The Turkish and French governments,
preliminary to this work, caused a very
careful survey of the harbor of Constanti-
nople to be made, as the bed of the Bos-
phorus was imperfectly known—known only,
in fact, by the British admiralty charts. It
was found by using deep sea leads and the
patent sounder, which are both armed with
grease, that there was about 3 feet of allu-
vial mud overlying 15 feet of sandy strata,
and beneath was found solid rock. Capt.
Eads' peculiar experience in sinking the
piers of the Mississippi bridge will come into
play in the difficult work of laying these pier
foundations. The river at St. Louis is 60 feet
deep. Capt. Eads was daily in the bottom, liv-
ing a regular diving-bell existence. He found
that the water at the bottom of the stream
moved with great velocity, carrying with it
large bodies of sand and earth held in solu-
tion, eventually to reach the delta channel,
sifting them up and closing the gateways to
commerce. The currents in the Bosphorus
do not reach any such velocity, and while the
greater depth will render the construction of
coffer-dams and caissons a labor of longer
duration and greater expense, there will be
no insurmountable difficulties in the way.
Perhaps the magnitude of the undertaking
may be better understood when it is stated
that the main piers will be 270 feet
high from the foundation to the sum-
mit. The aggregate height of the 15
piers would make a single pier of half a mile
in height, or eight times the altitude of the
ball on the top of St. Paul's Cathedral, Lon-
don.

It is estimated that the cost of construction
will not exceed \$25,000,000, and the time to
complete it six years. It took about eight
years to build the St. Louis bridge; but in
the case of the projected one over the Bos-
phorus the conditions are very different.
Excellent granite can be found in desirable
quantities near the place of construction
and the labor will be very cheap. There
exist few such impetuous populations as
those which inhabit the districts about Con-
stantinople. It is also a question, in con-
sidering this branch of the subject, whether
"Chinese cheap labor" cannot be as profit-
ably employed as it was in the construction of
the Union Pacific Railway. In the estimate
of \$25,000,000 as the cost of construction, an
outside figure has been given, for it is

thought, with vigorous economy, and the
preparation of the ironwork in France and
Belgium, that the bridge may not ultimately
cost over \$18,000,000. It is believed that the
great rise in property that would take place
on the Asiatic shore would more than pay
for the construction. There is a very large
class of wealthy and well-to-do people who
reside along the banks of the Bosphorus, and
particularly on the European shore. Every
few moments steamers come and go from
the pier heads at the junction of the Golden
Horn, carrying passengers away to suburban
homes like Astoria and Nyack, for few peo-
ple care to live either in Stamboul or Pera.
Pera, where the bulk of foreign residents
live, in the city, is built on a hillside, with
narrow, filthy and circuitous streets, and
the story of its oft-recurring fires, epidemics
and miserable street cars has frequently been
written. No greater boon could, therefore,
be conferred upon the people of Constantinople
city than the construction of the bridge so
ably planned by Capt. Eads and Mr. Lam-
bert.

Central American Trade.—An Ameri-
can, long a resident of Nicaragua, and
familiar with the resources of Central Amer-
ica and the habits and customs of the peo-
ple, has lately contributed a series of inter-
esting letters, setting forth the benefits that
would accrue to the United States by mak-
ing a ship canal across Nicaragua. He
claims that such a thoroughfare would make
New York the central commercial city of the
world, and make San Francisco her associ-
ate. Besides this, he says, it would give
American planters, mechanics and merchants
an immediate and near field to create another
India in place of that which is rapidly fore-
stalling even our domestic products. Last
year India sent nearly 3,300,000 cwt. of
wheat to England—one-sixth as much as the
United States, and one-third as much as
Russia. The British revenue from India is
\$250,000,000 a year, or nearly the total cost
of operating the United States government.
The army in India employs and subsists
200,000 of her majesty's subjects and con-
trols 240,000,000 of human beings. They
make a commerce of \$500,000,000 a year—
cotton, jute, rice, tea and indigo leading.
They give employment to 10,000 vessels and
to 6500 miles of Indian railroad, in which
\$500,000,000 finds a profitable investment.
In Spanish America, which repeats nearly
every natural production of India, and adds
many others exclusively its own, there are
less than 30,000,000 people, more than two-
thirds of whom live on the Pacific slope,
they are weary of revolutions, ripe for or-
derly government, hospitable to strangers,
and frugal. With the help of Yankee orga-
nizing power and machinery, the writer
thinks that this region might be made vastly
productive and remunerative.

Iron Founding in California.—The
Scientific Press, of San Francisco, says:
The Etna Iron Works, Penzelgrast & Smith,
proprietors, make an exhibit in the line of
iron castings, which, though a single piece,
is of a shape probably the most difficult our
founders have to deal with. It is a large
propeller for the steamer Ajax, and weighs
10,600 pounds. It is 14 feet in diameter,
being the largest in size and weight ever
cast on this coast. This is the fifth one of
this pattern built for the Ajax. In running
up the coast the steamer meets a good many
large logs which get away from the numerous
mills up there, and she has in each case
broken her propeller by coming in contact
with these logs. These ironworks make a
specialty of propeller casting, having on
hand patterns for fourteen different sizes.
The large one referred to is set up so as to
be revolved slowly, and several other smaller
sized propellers are within the railing on the
floor. In the same exhibit are a number of
patterns of ornamental ironwork for house
fronts. The Etna Iron Works also make a
specialty of this class of work, orders for
which have greatly increased of late years
among us. The designs shown are very
handsome and much more ornamental than
can be made durable in wood. A great
variety of these designs is kept on hand,
and of course new ones are made to order.
Altogether the display is quite creditable,
and if the example of the Etna had been fol-
lowed by more of our foundrymen the gen-
eral public would have been more favorably
impressed with the extent of our iron man-
ufacturing resources.

In Ohio there are 50 railroads, exclusive
of the narrow-gauge roads, eight of which
did not pay their running expenses during
the year 1875. Thirteen paid no interest on
their bonded indebtedness. Seven are in the
hands of receivers. The gross receipts of
these roads for 1876 amounted to \$34,119,049,
while the operating expenses were \$24,404,
565, leaving \$9,714,484. The total cost of
these roads, including all debts, was \$317,-
222,232, showing that the net earnings are a
trifle over 3 per cent. of the invested cap-
ital. The total bonded indebtedness of these
roads is \$160,000,000, all of which bears 6
per cent. interest or more, so that the
net earnings will not be sufficient to pay
the interest on the bonded debt leaving
nothing for the millions invested by stock-
holders, of which there are 17,000. If this
is the result of railroad investment in Ohio,
the leading State in agricultural products,
with growing manufacturing enterprises and
coal and iron in abundance, what must be
the condition of railroad property in less
populous and favored States?

The thanks of the public are due to a Mr.
Shaw, who has invented a nozzle which will
allow steam to blow off without making a
deafening roar and a nuisance for miles
round. It operates by breaking the waves
of sound, the escaping steam being sur-
rounded with a wire helix. A report
adopted by the Committee on Science and
Arts of the Franklin Institute says: "In
view of the annoyance, fright and danger
arising from the roar of escaping steam,
and of the completeness with which the
nozzle destroys this roar, we are of the
opinion that Mr. Shaw has done a great ser-
vice to the community, and especially to the
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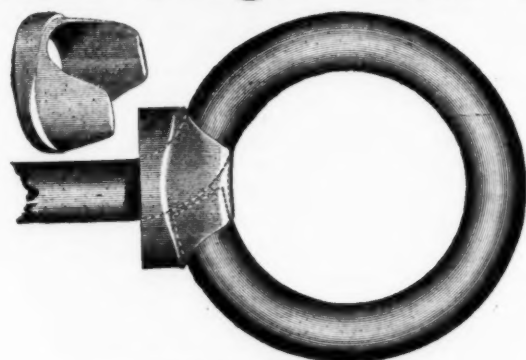
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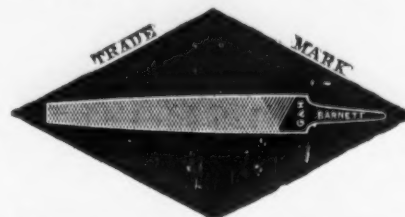
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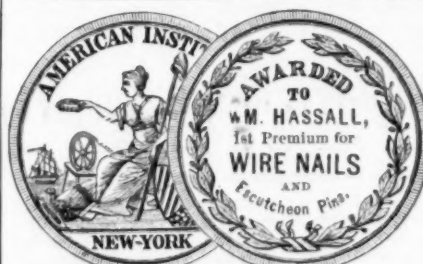
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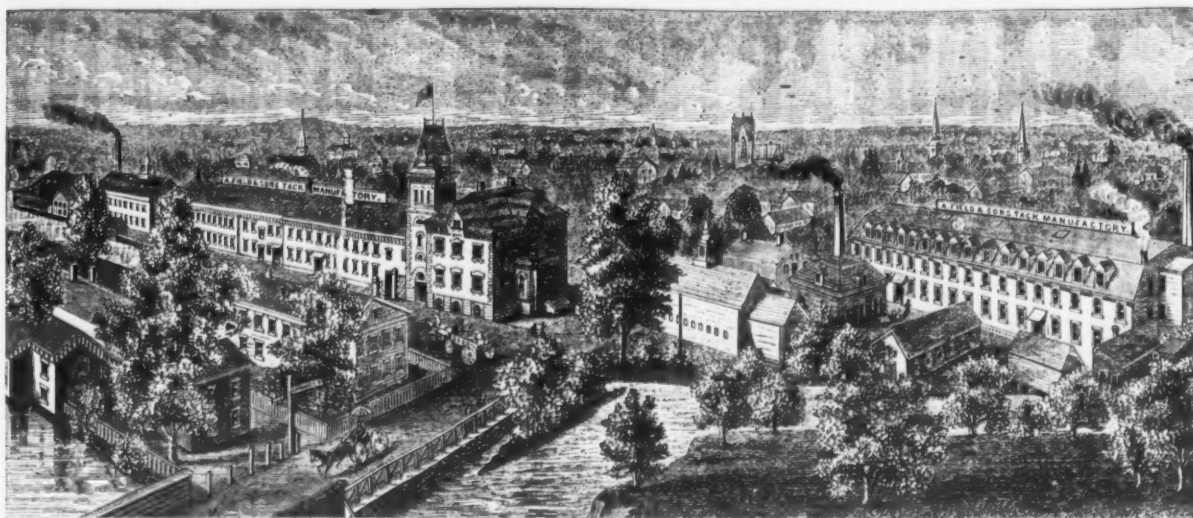
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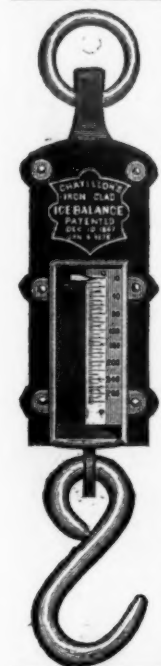
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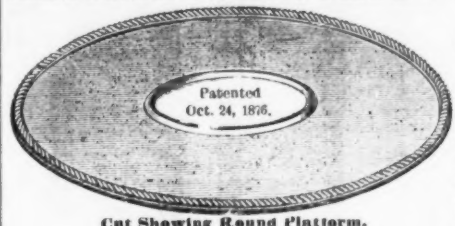
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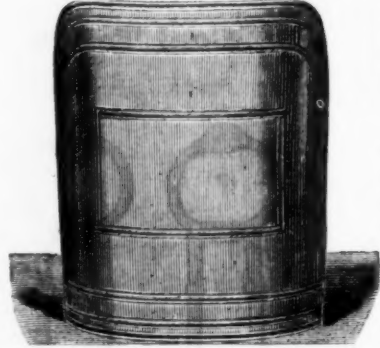
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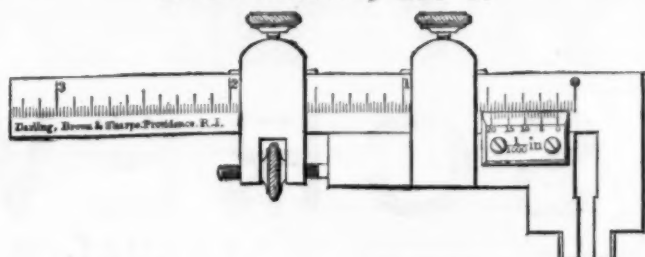
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Incrustation in Steam Boilers.

BY STEPHEN ROPER.

There is no mystery connected with the prevention of scale in steam boilers, as six minerals, viz., sulphate of lime, phosphate of lime, carbonate of lime, magnesia, silica, and alumina, form the basis of all scale and incrustation, and any ingredient or compound that will neutralize these salts and prevent them from forming into a hard glassy scale on the parts of the boiler most exposed to the fire, until they can be blown or washed out, will do all that can possibly be accomplished in this connection, as while it is retained in the shape of soft slush, or sludge, there is not much danger of the plates being burned through.

One of the substances most extensively employed for the prevention and removal of scale in steam boilers, as well as one of the most simple, effective, and cheap, is carbonate of soda—the soda of commerce. White ash, or soda ash, being cheaper, is often used instead, but is less effective; besides, it is easily adulterated, and is very seldom found pure. Soda is found to act well in preventing and removing incrustations, consisting as it does of both sulphate of lime and carbonate of lime. The manner in which the soda and the sulphate in the water react on each other is readily understood. These two salts exchange their acids, the results being the formation of sulphate of soda, which is very soluble, and carbonate of lime, which is insoluble, and precipitates without forming a hard incrustation.

Soda does not act injuriously on the boiler plates, unless the salt is concentrated from want of sufficient blowing off, or unless the soda itself is impure and contains acid. The belief entertained by many in its injurious action has in many cases arisen from the following cause: In boilers fed with water containing corrosive impurities, together with matters that form a thick incrustation the danger done by the former is in time to a great extent prevented, and sometimes altogether concealed by the scale formed. On employing soda, and particularly caustic soda, to remove the incrustation, the defects in the plates, whose presence may not even be suspected, become exposed, and being attacked anew by the acids in the water used for washing out the boiler, which are not neutralized by the soda, are caused to "bleed." This gives them the appearance of having been recently formed, and their presence is at once set down to the action of the soda. Sal soda, when introduced into new or clean boilers free from scale or incrustation, has a tendency to impart an oily or soapy coating to the surface of the iron, and when this is attained there is rarely any trouble arising from scale, whatever may be the character of the water. This goes to show that to prevent boilers from becoming coated with scale, the solvent must be applied when they are new or just after they are thoroughly cleaned.

Another valuable property of soda is its power of neutralizing the free acids so often found in the purest waters used for boiler feeding, as well as in those containing larger quantities of impurities, and which are the direct cause of pitting and other forms of corrosion. The introduction of about half a pound of soda per day into an ordinary large-sized boiler is generally found sufficient to prevent, or at least to greatly mitigate any corrosive action. The well-known property soda has of dissolving and removing grease, which constitutes one of its chief values when used for domestic purposes, renders it very useful in overcoming the difficulty often caused by the presence of grease in steam boilers. The foaming up of the water is increased by the addition of soda when grease is present. This, if allowed to take place to any great extent, is liable to give trouble by priming, and again, on this account a skimming apparatus or surface blow-out should be used whenever soda is used with greasy water.

Catechu, nutgalls and other astringents containing tannic acid have been found effective in preventing and removing incrustation. The tannic acid decomposes the lime salts and forms tannate of lime, which is insoluble at first, and forms a scum, which should be removed by surface blowing off. The remaining soluble constituents should also be blown off frequently, as their concentration is liable to tell severely on the iron, unless the acids be neutralized by sufficient alkaline substances purposely introduced.

Hemlock, oak, logwood and mahogany sawdust are frequently used for the prevention of scales with very satisfactory results, as the tannic acid which these woods contain has a tendency to mix with the scale-forming ingredients, to render them more light and porous, and consequently to prevent them from forming in hard, solid masses. The sawdust and bark of these woods have no chemical action on the iron of the boilers, but only tend to preserve it. It is very common to find boilers located on streams in the vicinity of saw mills entirely free from scale. In fact, refuse logwood, mahogany, or oak sawdust, sal soda, ash and yellow ochre form the base for nearly all the patent compounds and solutions now in use for preventing and removing scale from steam boilers, coloring matter being added for the purpose of preventing steam users and engineers from discovering the ingredients from which they are made.

The following receipt will be found to contain the ingredients most generally used for preventing the formation of scale, and may be relied upon as the most safe, simple and efficient remedy now in use: 100 pounds of refuse logwood, mahogany or oak sawdust; 20 pounds of sal soda; 10 pounds of yellow ochre. The sawdust to be dry, mixed with the sal soda and ochre, and ground in a burr mill to the consistency of shorts used as horse feed. It may then be introduced once a week, in seven-pound charges, the first five weeks, and five-pound charges once a week afterward. It may be introduced either through the safety valve or man-hole, or the same ingredients may be placed in a tank or cistern, covered with water and allowed to remain for 48 hours, when it may be allowed to percolate or filter down into barrels, and be introduced through the pump in quantities of about three gallons per day, or it may

be drawn off from the tank by a pump through a pipe attached for that purpose. The above ingredients, in the proportions given, will neutralize the water of mines, wells and rivers, and be sufficient to keep a large boiler free from scale for three months. It can be made up at a cost of about 50 cents, when the same quantity will cost \$10 if purchased from parties engaged in the sale of anti-incrustators or scale preventives.

The foregoing ingredients, when pulverized and pressed into metallic cans, are sold under the name of powders, and when coarsely ground and packed in boxes, kegs, barrels or sacks are termed a compound; when percolated or filtered and the liquor mixed with about 20 per cent. of rock or ground oil they are denominated anti-lumina fluid, or some such name; but whether called powder, compound or solution, the ingredients of which they are composed or compounded are nearly the same, the name and coloring stuff being intended to disguise the character of the ingredients of which they are composed. A fluid, very extensively sold for this purpose, is collected from the flume of a paper mill in Philadelphia, where paper is manufactured from wood. Compounds or powders, of whatever ingredients composed, are more dangerous than fluids or solutions, as the gun they contain has a tendency to stick safely and check valves on their seats; whereas, if percolated and held in suspension, the gum and gluten they contain more readily unite with the mineral ingredients in the water, and have no effect whatever on the valves or steam cylinder.

Such is the want of information on this subject that it is very common to find steam users and owners of steam boilers throwing away or allowing to go to waste the very same substance and ingredients that they are purchasing at a dear price from others, for the purpose of preventing and removing incrustations from their boilers. If such a state of ignorance and carelessness existed in relation to the care and management of any other class of machines, it would be a matter of surprise among intelligent people at the present day. But from the fact that more ignorant vagaries and stupidity always existed in relation to the care and management of the steam boiler, it is not to be wondered at that a good deal of it should exist in regard to this matter.

But even when the most efficient solvents are used it is necessary, at short intervals, to remove the accumulations from all accessible places by blowing out, washing, scraping, &c. If the water is allowed to remain in the boiler until cold before cleaning, a great portion of the accumulations may be removed by means of brooms and scrapers, or be washed out with hose; but if the boiler is blown out under pressure, and the scale allowed to bake on the surface of the different parts of the boiler, it will be found difficult, if not impossible, to remove it.

Petroleum has recently been successfully employed for the removal and prevention of scale in steam-boilers, also for the removal of deposits from water pipes where the water contains large quantities of lime. It has the effect of penetrating and rotting the scale, causing it to become porous and disengage itself from the surfaces to which it is attached. It is a very simple remedy and can be used in small quantities without any difficulty whatever, say about a quart every week for a twenty-five horse-power boiler, and in quantities more or less, according to the size of the boilers. It may be introduced in the feed-water or through the safety-valve, or in any way most convenient for that purpose; but to be effective it must be pure. The heavy oil used for lubricating purposes in cold situations is the most efficient, as the refined oil of this description is of no use, as it is soon expelled by the heat.

Zinc in different forms is frequently used as an anti-incrustator in steam-boilers, but its action depends wholly on the character of the water; if it contains a sufficient amount of acid, a voltaic battery is formed between the iron of the boiler, the zinc, and the acid in the water; but if the water contains no acid, the zinc remains inert and has no effect whatever on the scale, but it never fails to inflict permanent injury on the boiler connections, pumps and steam cylinder. Such a contrivance for the removal of scale is very old, and for one instance in which it gives any relief it fails in a hundred others.

The Sutor Tunnel.—The progress of this gigantic work is now very rapid; in February it advanced 100 feet per week, but the average is only 94 feet. The whole length excavated is now nearly 17,000 feet; the rock is exceedingly hard, and 60 men are constantly at work. It is expected that they will soon reach the level just below the great silver mines, and then immense stores of wealth will be opened.

The London Times says that in July 114 sailing vessels and 10 steamships belonging to the United Kingdom and the Colonies were struck off the register. Of these 67 belonged to the Colonies, 2 to Sunderland, 4 to the port of Newcastle, 6 to Scotland, 3 to Yarmouth, 5 to Ireland, 9 to Liverpool, 7 to London, 5 to Wales, 2 to Whitby, 1 to Hull, 1 to the Channel Islands, and 7 to various minor ports of the West and South of England. Seventy-six had been built in the Colonies, 8 in Scotland, 7 in Sunderland, 2 at Low Walker, 1 at Southwold, 2 at Whitehaven; 2 in Ireland, 2 in Yarmouth and 1 at each of the following places, viz.: Blackwall, Guernsey, Isle of Man, Liverpool, Ulverston, Kingston-on-Hull, Ilfracombe, Gloucester, Redbridge, Winsford, Weymouth, Southwick (Durham), Southampton, Shoreham, Bideford, Wells, Scarborough, Leftwich and Portmadoc. One was constructed so far back as 1756, 1 in 1788, 1 between 1800 and 1810, 4 between 1810 and 1820, 2 between 1820 and 1830, 4 between 1830 and 1840, 8 between 1840 and 1850, 29 between 1850 and 1860, 44 between 1860 and 1870, 25 between 1870 and 1877, and 5 at dates not ascertained. The causes assigned for closing the register were as follows: Sold to be broken up, 2; broken up, 26; sold foreign, 21; stranded, 3; lost, 18; abandoned, 3; missing, 8; wrecked, 16; burnt, 9; locally registered, 2; sunk by collision, 2; foundered, 3; sunk, 1; converted into lighters, 3; condemned by order of United States Court, 1; sold by order of Admiralty Courts, 3; and unseaworthy, 1.

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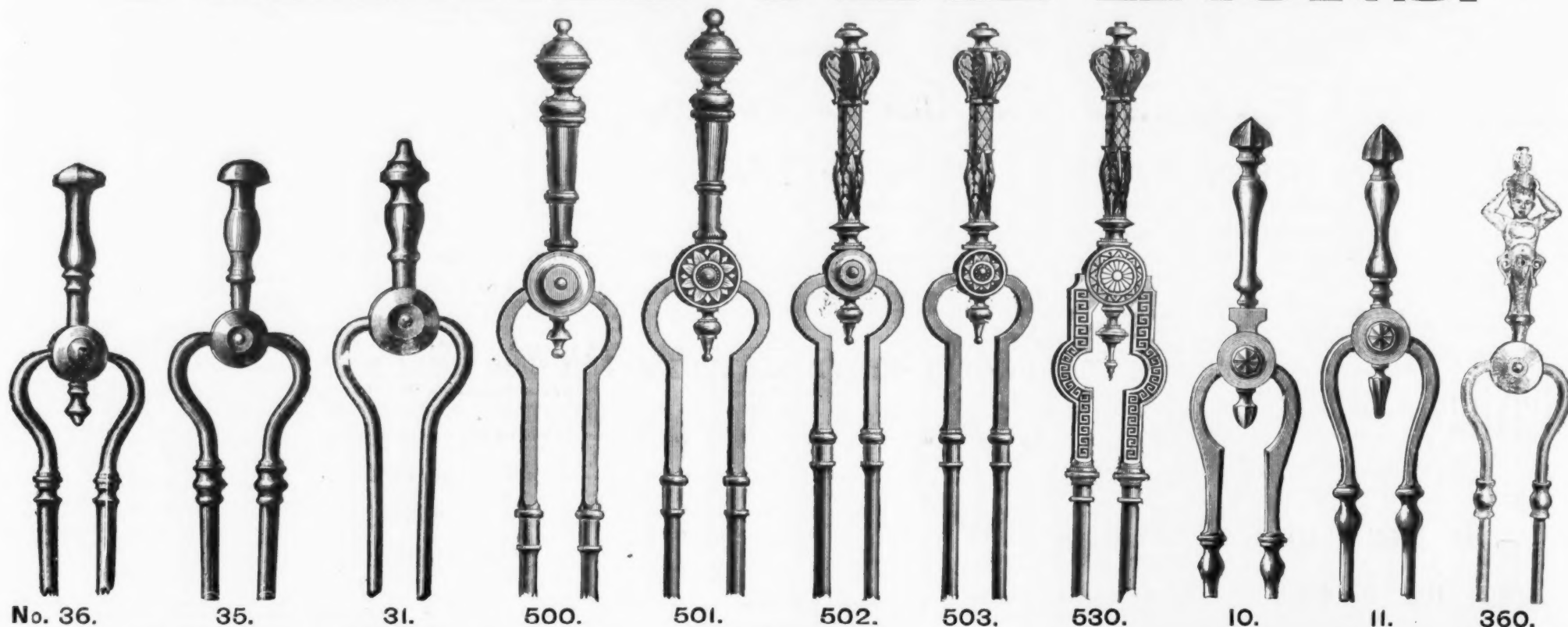
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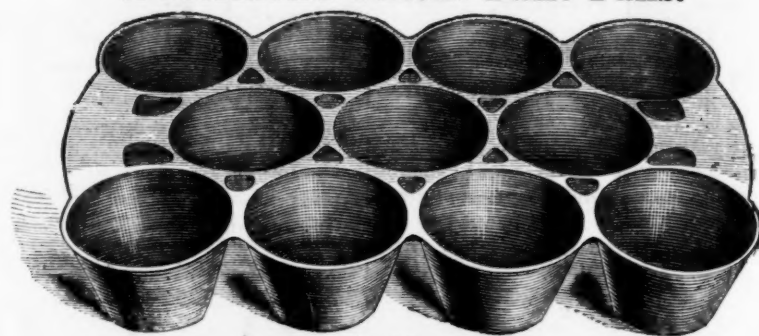
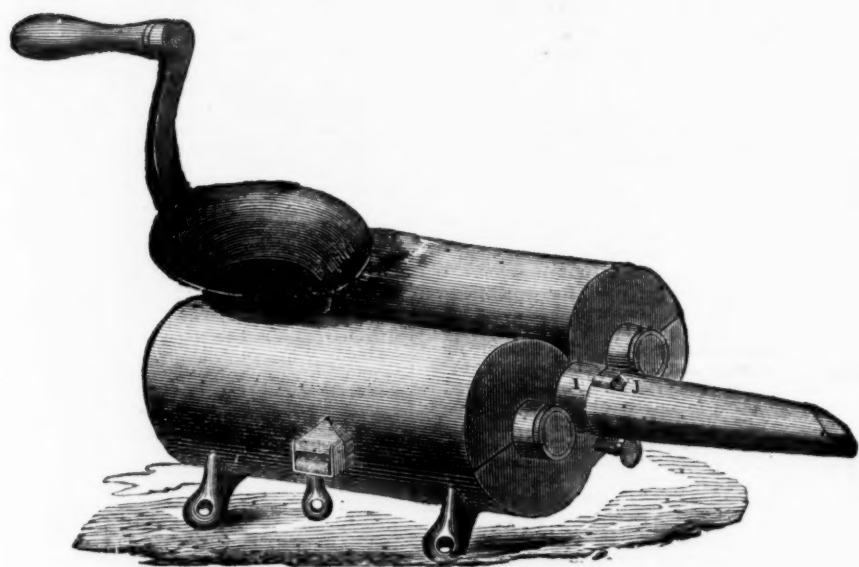
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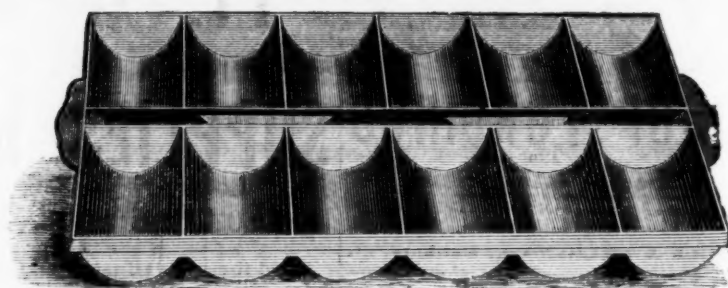
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At the opposite end of the car is a large compartment for the king and his suite. It is finished in princely style with chairs upholstered with plush. The middle and large compartment is the parlor and royal rooms, furnished with sofas, chairs, lounges and very finely finished tables. The upholstery is of sage green silk tapestry, and is undoubtedly among the finest specimens of workmanship ever sent out from this city. The woods of which the interior is finished are maple, walnut and satinwood veneering, to which a very brilliant polish is imparted by the most skillful artisans. The violet predominates in the various shades in which the ceiling is finished, and is in perfect harmony with the velvety Brussels which covers the floor.
Upon the paneling on the outside the coat-of-arms of Norway is artistically painted. It is represented by a guard shield of purple red, with a lion standing upright and a drawn halberd in his fore paw. The lion is finished in gold and the blade of the halberd is painted in a steel color. The whole is surmounted by a crown finished in purple and gold. Upon each side of the car is painted the name "Hamar Thronhjelm Jernbane," which, we are informed, means Hamar Thronhjelm Railway, the former being a town in Eastern Norway and the latter a town in Northern Norway. The finest plated glass is used, and that used in the inside doors is very chastely engraved.
The car has been carefully taken to pieces in sections, its respective parts carefully boxed up and put aboard the steamer for New York. At that city the car will be transferred to the steamer Suevia, of the Hamburg American Packet Company, and on the 13th inst. it was to start for its destination.
Light Steamers for African Rivers.—Messrs. Yarrow & Co., of Poplar, England, have received orders from Colonel Gordon, Governor-General of Upper Egypt, for the construction of four very light draught steel steamers, for use on Lake Albert Nyanza, and for opening up the navigation of the rivers in Central Africa. As these steamers will be carried on land on the backs of negroes, the builders have to subdivide the packages in such a manner that none shall exceed 200 lbs. in weight. It is estimated that no less than 4000 men will be employed for the portage of these vessels. A new steamer has been designed and constructed for navigating the river Quanza by Messrs. Edwards & Symes, of Cubitt Town, London. She is named the *Silva Americana*, and is 140 feet long by 15 feet beam. She is propelled by oscillating paddle-wheel engines of 32 horse-power, which have been made by Messrs. J. Penn & Sons. She is built of iron and Siemens patent steel, and is fitted out in a very neat and very complete manner, almost like a yacht. She is fore and aft schooner rigged, fitted with a handsome saloon, and cabins on deck for passengers and crew, and has an awning deck above. The conditions of the contract were that the vessel should carry 20 tons of cargo on 24 inches of water, at a speed of 10.4 knots or 12 miles an hour. Upon her trial in the Thames she only drew 22 inches of water with 27 tons of cargo on board, her speed being 10.39 knots, a success which reflects great credit upon her builders. It is to be hoped that this boat will prove as useful an addition as she promises to the various means now in progress for developing the trade of the great African continent.
Boring for Water.—An interesting experiment is being made by the Stafford (England) Town Council, in order to obtain a good water supply for the town. By boring to a depth of about 600 feet, by means of the Diamond Rock boring process, they hope to penetrate the water-bearing rocks of the new red sandstone formation, which exists widely in Staffordshire, and in many places lies at an elevated level. A depth of 300 feet has already been bored. It was asserted by many eminent geologists that extensive beds of rock salt existed in the variegated marls above the bunter rocks. This opinion has been found to be correct, for a bed of rock salt, 40 feet in thickness, has been perforated, as well as various smaller veins; but the engineers find that the brine can be effectually "tubbed out" by means of iron lining tubes. A considerable length of time must necessarily elapse before the water-bearing rocks are entered.
The Duke of Bridgewater was fond of watching his men at work, and when they were boring for coal at Worsley he attended every morning and looked on for a long time together. The men did not like to leave off work while he remained there, and they became so dissatisfied at having to work so long beyond the hour at which the bell rang, that Brindley had difficulty in getting a sufficient number of hands to continue the boring. On inquiry he found out the cause, and told the duke, who from that time made a point of walking off when the bell rang, returning when the men had resumed work, and remaining with them usually until six o'clock. He observed, however, that, though the men dropped work promptly as the bell rang when he was not by, they were not so punctual in resuming work. He asked to know the reason, and the men's excuse was that, though they could always hear the clock when it struck twelve they could not so readily hear it when it struck only one. On this the duke had the mechanism of the clock altered so as to make it strike thirteen at one o'clock.

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Our Share in Chilean Trade.

The Republic of Chili was governed as a Spanish province until the year 1810, when the people threw off the yoke of the mother country. In 1818, Chili was declared independent. It is in length about 1200 miles and from 100 to 200 miles wide, with an area of 197,468 square miles, without counting the disputed part of Patagonia. The population, which in 1843 counted 1,084,000 souls, had in 1875 increased to 2,068,424, including 26,528 foreigners. The country is divided into 17 provinces, and has 14 large ports besides many minor ones.

In comparison with the Argentine Republic the increase of population has been slow, which is mainly to be attributed to the distance separating Chili from Europe and China. The fertility of the Chilean soil and its mineralogical productiveness, place the country at the head of its sisters on the Southern continent in point of desirableness for thrifty emigrants. The climate is mild and salubrious. Its proverbial freedom from revolution in contradistinction from the remaining Spanish-American countries, is another characteristic which recommends Chili to the emigrant. Yet the current of emigration to South America has been principally in the direction of the Argentine Republic.

If Chili has expanded but slowly in the number of its inhabitants, she has made marvellous strides in moral and material development. In 1844 Chili imported from abroad but \$8,596,674 of goods, and exported \$6,087,023. In 1851 the total trade with foreign countries had already doubled, or nearly so, being \$28,031,363; in 1871 it had risen to \$58,613,573, and in 1875 to \$74,065,092. Direct and indirect taxes during the decennium 1831-1840, amounted to \$21,083,341; in 1841-50 to \$34,036,125; in 1851-60 to \$60,343,315; and during the five years from 1871-75 to \$72,550,817. Considering the magnitude of the income, the public debt is trifling; it has risen from \$36,629,600 in 1871 to \$50,677,600 in 1875. There are in operation 975 miles of railroad and 3284 of telegraph. Tramways have also been extensively introduced in Santiago and Valparaiso, conveying in 1875 18,000,000 passengers.

The principal productions of Chili are wheat, flour, barley, hides, wool, wine, copper, silver and some coal. In manufacturing the country has also made some progress, especially in cloth, silk and paper. Chilean banks possess a paid-in capital of \$20,000,000.

In 1832 only 275 merchant vessels entered the leading port, Valparaiso; in 1873, 989 sailing vessels and 596 steamers entered, with an aggregate tonnage of 973,190; in 1875, 928 and 467 respectively, aggregating 861,687 tons.

Compared with neighboring ports, Valparaiso occupied the second rank in point of arrivals in 1873, so far as the tonnage is concerned:

	Vessels.	Tons.
Callao, entries.....	1,637	1,093,226
Valparaiso, entries.....	1,685	973,190
Montevideo, ".....	1,673	885,453
Guayaquil, ".....	215	162,855

Most of the Chilean ports are distinguished by a considerable trade movement, as the following departures in 1873 will show:

	Tons.
Valparaiso.....	963,075
Couquimbo.....	693,810
Caldera.....	507,770
Coronel.....	346,000
Chamarel.....	333,559
Carrizal Bajo.....	330,811
Huasco.....	245,763
Tome.....	156,519
Talcahuano.....	133,211
Valdivia.....	83,211
Ancud.....	78,792
Constitution.....	51,742
Melipulli.....	34,394
Total.....	4,018,976

Valparaiso, it will be seen, represented but 24 per cent. The foregoing tonnage was conveyed under the various flags as follows:

	Tons.
English.....	2,800,299
French.....	145,268
German.....	77,290
Other European nations.....	66,495

	Tons.
Spanish-American and Polynesian.....	3,089,343
American.....	808,371
Total.....	4,018,976

The Europeans, it will be noticed, represent 77 per cent. of the whole—we represent but 3 per cent. The Chileans themselves and remaining nations make up the balance.

The Chilean consulate of this city kindly furnishes us the following statistics of export, in thousands of dollars, gold:

	1873.	1875.
To England.....	19,398	21,033
France.....	1,194	1,307
Germany.....	483	528
Belgium.....	81	2

	Tons.
Spanish America and Brazil.....	21,156
Other countries.....	1,644
Total.....	36,922

United States..... 36,922

Total..... 36,922

European percentage in 1873, 55; in 1875, 67; American, 5 and 1, the balance being absorbed by Peru and Bolivia principally.

The Chilean imports in 1872, 1873, 1874 and 1875 were, in thousands of dollars:

	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.
England.....	66,881	74,070	74,070	74,070
France.....	14,805	14,805	14,805	14,805
Germany.....	3,448	3,448	3,448	3,448
Spain.....	1,267	1,267	1,267	1,267
Italy.....	1,038	1,038	1,038	1,038
Other European nations.....	971	971	971	971
Total.....	117,701	117,701	117,701	117,701

Spanish America and Brazil.....	22,632
Asiatic countries.....	859
United States.....	141,192
Total.....	7,959

The average European share during the quadrennial period was 79 per cent.; American, 5 1/2 per cent.; Peru, Bolivia, the Argentine Republic and remaining countries, 1 1/2 per cent.

Small as our share is, it is well to examine what we are in the habit of sending to our most distant sister republic. According to our home statistics, Chili received from the United States during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1876, of domestic productions:

Agricultural implements.....	\$88,075
Flour.....	11,605
Railroad cars.....	174,975
Cotton goods.....	476,330
Drugs.....	46,759
Manufactures of hemp.....	10,865
" iron.....	271,313
Petroleum.....	84,416
Beef.....	14,414
Pork.....	5,307
Lard.....	105,728
Sewing machines.....	17,444
Spirits of turpentine.....	5,396
Refined sugar.....	453,523
Tobacco.....	32,201
Manufactures of tobacco.....	9,545
Staves.....	82,065
Furniture.....	67,621
Woodenware.....	25,208
Total.....	2,000,182

The foregoing shows that Chili is as civilized as any country on the globe, and already takes from us quite a variety of goods; but compared with what the European nations furnish her, the amount of American goods taken is trifling.

It has furthermore to be considered that in this Chilean trade, California and Oregon have their share; the Atlantic States are, consequently, reduced to a small share in this traffic with a nation which is more flourishing than any other on this continent, is never subject to violent political disturbances, and therefore as desirable a customer as Brazil or Australia. Yet we have allowed the Europeans, as in many other cases, to do the bulk of both the export and import trade, although they are geographically much further away than we are, and in spite of the fact that comparatively few Europeans have settled in Chili.

The Prospect of the Fall Trade in Iron.

With the arrival of the last half of September we reach a time when we are in a position to judge with some certainty the prospect of the fall trade in iron and nails. The representatives have made their early fall trip and returned with their reports, or have sent in accounts sufficiently full to enable their principals to judge of the outlook. The crops are generally so far advanced as to be beyond the reach of ordinary casualties, and this gives us a key to the purchasing power of the great agricultural districts of the country, as well as an idea of the probable demand for transportation and the resultant demand for railroad supplies, which consume such a large proportion of the iron manufactures.

In general it may be said that the prospects for trade are very good, but the reports indicate that it will be late in coming and will continue later into the winter than usual. The reports from the South and those parts of the West and Northwest that have not been scourged with the grasshoppers, are very favorable. The Indian famine and the drain on Egypt for troops will make a short cotton supply from those countries, while in the South the crop is large. The people of that section, under the new order of political affairs, are taking heart and embarking in enterprises and making improvements that the unsettled state of affairs heretofore has not justified. This will create a considerable demand for iron. The South also is beginning to work. The people are coming to realize that a race of consumers only impoverishes a section. One of the ablest of the Confederate generals told us but a short time since that the laziness of the better class of Southern whites was the curse of the South; that he was determined his children should work, and his boys are all learning trades.

In the grasshopper districts the crops of this year will free most of the farmers from debt and leave a surplus for improvements and renewal of implements, while in the other regions the abundant crops will make money plenty and lead to expenditures that will create a demand for iron. The crops, however, are so large that there will be no time to spare for anything but harvest work until all is safe, and consequently, it will be late before they are harvested and taken care of or sold and shipped and the value in hand, and this will make a late demand for goods.

Stocks are light, both in dealers' and manufacturers' hands. A prominent Western nail manufacturer stated to us only last week that he never knew the stocks of nails to be so small in the West as at this time. Most of the mills at Wheeling and Pittsburgh were idle during the months of July and August, and at the ruling prices they do not care to run. Nearly all are again in operation, but unless better prices are obtained some will stop by the 1st of October. In iron the stocks of good, bad and indifferent are somewhat larger, but by no means large.

In the East the regulation of the production of nails has kept the stocks down, and many of the mills have been idle all summer. The Southern market will make large demands, and the stocks there are very light.

It is also true that there are not so many nails coming from the West into the Eastern market as there were some months ago.

Regarding the stocks of iron East, our advice is not definite enough to enable us to speak with certainty.

In regard to prices, it would seem that in iron they have touched the lowest point and that better quotations will rule. Some of the strongest firms in the West have refused longer to meet the prices that competition, caused by the necessities of some mills, have forced upon them, and they are to-day refusing orders at figures they would have met a month ago. This will reduce the volume of their trade, but it will entail no loss. Cheap iron will continue to be made, but it will prove to be dear iron when made; for good quality, merchants and consumers may conclude they must pay a good price.

The Weakening Power of Trades Unionism.

Indications are not wanting that the power of trades unions is being broken. They are not only losing their control over those who, as members, have placed themselves under their guidance, but they no longer inspire respect among those who are not members, but who have been forced by practices that are too well known to follow the dictates of these unions as to the terms on which they shall labor and the prices they shall demand. Already in Western Pennsylvania an organization of those who will no longer obey the various unions has been formed for mutual protection, and its membership, which is rapidly increasing, expresses a determination to sustain each other in the exercise of their individual rights, which they claim have too long been usurped by miners' and boilers' unions and similar associations. The miners employed by the Waverly Coal and Coke Company, near Pittsburgh, have publicly announced that they do not and will not recognize the right of any trade union to bind them, make any scale of prices to govern them, or in any way abridge their right to make their own bargains to sell their labor to whom and for what they please. That this is not merely a local and temporary disaffection, is evident from the smothered mutterings and the uncoincided discontent that is manifested by the members all over the country at the failure of the unions to redeem the promises made to those who have struck at their direction. The case of the engineers of the Reading Railroad is one in point. These men were promised by the Brotherhood \$60 per month if they would refuse the offers of the road. The complaints are constant that the pledge has not been kept, and seeing the folly of their course they are now abandoning the Brotherhood and seeking their old situations. Another reason of this rebellion against the unions is the fact that they have not lately been successful in the strikes they have organized. During the "flush times," when work was begging for workers, almost any demand of the unions was acceded to; but it is different now. Workers are begging for work, and with this changed relation strikes have been almost uniformly failures. The men see that the unions do not, as formerly, compel obedience to their demands, and they are questioning whether they cannot do better for themselves than the union can do for them.

Again, when wages are low and work scarce, the best workman is the one that is retained, and his less skilled fellow is the one that has to go. The latter sees that uniform wages is what has cost him his situation, and will keep him out of it, and he is asking if it will not be better for him to labor for 10 per cent. less and have work than to consent to no reduction and have no work. He soon tires of the platitudes of the unionist who prates of the harm done his fellow by taking the 10 per cent. reduction, and thinks of the injury he is doing himself in not taking it; and knowing that he has no hope of work so long as he demands the same wages for his inferior work, he will soon forswear allegiance to the union that compels him to this course.

Another fact is having more weight than all these combined. The excesses committed in the name of labor during the late insurrection have opened the eyes of many of the steady, sober, thinking men among the trades union laborers to the logical outcome of the teachings of these unions. For a while, under the guidance of their communistic leaders, their conception of *meum* and *tuum* had become decidedly blunted, and many an honest man really believed that corporations and capitalists, from the simple fact that they had and controlled money, were thieves of the blackest character, and labor would be justified in violently recovering from them the money which, according to these leaders, had been coined from the sweat of the brow of unrequited labor. It needed the breaking up of the great deeps to show these men their error; but for them a new dispensation will date from the wreck of that week in July.

We would not, however, in all this be understood as intimating that trades unionism is a thing of the past, or that its power has wholly departed; but we do believe that there is to be, for a while at least, more independent action among workingmen, a less blind and slavish following of the dictates of trades unions and a growing belief that, after all, independence of action and its consequent manliness and incentive to effort, is most conducive to success.

The Position of the Lead Market.

Since our last discussion of the lead market some three months since, prices have continued to decline both in Europe and this country. The main cause of this uninterrupted downward course of the metal is to be found in the largely increased output both in Spain and the United States. Since the pacification of the Peninsula the mineralogical resources of that part of the world have developed again on a vast scale, especially the production of Lead.

During the early months of the year the war demand which had sprung up in Russia and Turkey was sufficiently active to absorb available supplies, including this excess of Spanish exportation, but when the belligerents ceased to buy, the trade demand proved too slack to take up the rapidly accumulating surplus in England, France and Germany, to which countries Spanish lead had been shipped in increasing quantities, in view of the contemplated export duty resorted to by the Spanish government as a measure of financial necessity.

In this country it had been hoped that the decline in the price of lead would cause producers in Missouri, Utah and Colorado to curtail their output, but, for reasons best known to themselves, whatever curtailment was resorted to has been merely temporary, the supply from those sources proving largely in excess of immediate wants during summer. A decline has, therefore, been precipitated, and prices have fallen to a figure much lower than would have been deemed probable, or even possible, a few months ago.

Consumption has by no means come up to expectations, and this is particularly the case as regards white lead, the mainstay of the lead market. Comparatively little building, plumbing and painting seems to have been going on in the country while real estate remains so prostrate. The demand for shot during the past six weeks has, however, been fair, but this is a comparatively less important item, and not sufficient to exercise much influence while consumers and dealers hold respectable stocks. Speculation in the spring was followed by such ruinous results that there has been none since that time, and the metal, so far as present appearances go, seems bound to decline to the export point; this has already been reached on the Pacific coast.

Whether the Chinese can use American lead to as good advantage for tea-box lining and other purposes, as they can English, Spanish and German, experience will show. If they can, as we are inclined to believe, this lead export from San Francisco to China would prove a great boon to our lead mining industry on the Western slope of the Rocky mountains. At a certain price the Chinese consume all metals in large quantities. This has of late years been shown with respect to quicksilver and tin, for which China has now become a great market. Should these anticipations be realized with reference to lead, it would be another proof that markets abroad are not wanting if we can produce an article cheap enough. If, then, the lead mines can make a living profit at export rates, which has yet to be shown, there would be no impediment to increasing their production as much as they deem advisable. With a gradual revival in the domestic demand, lead would then be placed on a sounder footing than has been the case during the past twelve months. Meanwhile the continuation of the war in Europe has since yesterday already led to a rebound, and trade there also becoming brisker, the time may not be distant when lead will return to the price it commanded on the other side in the spring.

The Board of Trade returns in England and France for the first seven months of the years named give the following figures:

ENGLAND.—LEAD IMPORT AND EXPORT.—TONS.					
Import.			Export.		
1877.	1876.	1875.	1877.	1876.	1875.
58,039	45,691	45,411	23,235	20,061	17,532

FRANCE—LEAD IMPORT.—TONS.			
	1877.	1876.	1875.
Ore.....	13,111	7,875	6,757
Pig Lead.....	25,335	23,697	22,879

From this it will be seen that there have been imported of pig lead alone into both countries 83,374 tons, against 69,388 in 1876, and 68,290 during the corresponding period of 1875; an increase this year of 20 per cent. Meanwhile the import of ore into France has doubled in two years.

In former years, with a war in Europe, an easy money market would have induced speculators to operate largely in lead, but speculation seems to have forsaken this metal there as much as it has here, and we shall have to wait for the legitimate influence of supply and demand to regulate the price on both sides of the Atlantic.

The Lake Superior Ore Supply.

The Marquette Mining Journal says: *The Iron Age* can suppress its apparent anxiety concerning the increased production of our mines. The output of the present season will not be as large as that of 1876, notwithstanding there has been an increase up to this time, as compared with a corresponding period of last year.

We have no anxiety on the subject. Indeed, we are rather hopeful that there will be an increased production. We do not believe that the Lake Superior ore mines have borne their proper proportion of the reduction in the cost of materials for making a ton of pig iron, and should welcome an overstock as a means of a greater reduction. But the *Mining Journal* to the contrary notwithstanding, the indications all are that there

will be an increase—if not in actual tonnage, in the proportion of the supply to the demand. If the demand is not as great as last year, while the supply remains the same, there is an increase, and the appearance of the docks at Cleveland indicates an oversupply. It is almost an impossibility to get dockage for ore coming down, and with an increase in shipments of 112,163 gross tons up to September 12th, there is certainly a fair prospect of somewhat of an overstock.

Tests of Chain Cables.

Letter from Commander L. A. Beardslee, U. S. N.

To the Editor of *The Iron Age*—DEAR SIR: Through the courtesy of Mr. H. L. Fearing, of Boston, I have been furnished with an editorial clipped from your paper, the matter of which so nearly concerns myself that I feel it both a duty and a privilege to write to you to heartily indorse the views expressed, and to supply you with such data as will justify you to yourself and others for the faith that you have exhibited, without due evidence, in the work of and results obtained by the United States Board appointed to test iron and steel, of which I am a member, and chairman of the committee to which has been assigned the investigations in regard to chains, cables, &c.

Your editorial is in the issue of August 16th, and defends the work of the board against the attacks of an anonymous critic who, in the columns of a "scientific paper" ridicules the results, not because they are wrong, but simply because they differ in some points from results hitherto attained, or assumed.

I have since procured a copy of the "scientific" paper referred to, and have read the witty but not wise attack, and would esteem it a favor if you will permit me the use of your columns to answer this criticism, which I will quote:

"Another instance: We have before us a letter from a very eminent experimenter upon the strength of metals, &c. He informs us that by his recent investigations, involving an immense number of experiments, the report of which before many months will be made public, the deductions of Rankine and other authorities as to the strength of chain are wholly wrong; that the stud does not increase the strength of the links, and the strongest links are not made from the strongest bars, besides some other startling deductions. Theoretically at least, then, all our chain cables have been made under erroneous rules; practically, however, they have served their purpose, &c."

The previous "instances" criticised but not disproved being the works of W. R. Kuller and Dr. Weyrauch, I have to reply but to the criticism quoted, and before doing so must be allowed to express surprise that a private letter from myself to an "eminent" engineer should coincide so exactly with several of the phrases quoted that I am compelled to recognize myself in the "eminent experimenter" referred to. The vein of sarcasm which pervades the whole article, however, makes the assumption of the title less a trial to my modesty. The "eminent" engineer had written to me to contribute an article on cables, tests, &c., to a work which he was editing. In my reply I regretted to be compelled to decline, and gave two reasons for doing so. The first was that my data on the subject was the property of the United States Board, which had expended all of the funds it could spare from the limited purse at its disposal in the research, and the second was that the results found by us, by actual experiments, in many instances differed so widely from the general views on such subjects that I did not feel it was safe to announce them, without at the same time backing them up by unquestionable data of facts, and the space afforded by an encyclopedia article would probably prove insufficient for the purpose. I offered, in conclusion, that if the consent of the president and members of our board could be obtained, to supply a few results. My answer to this offer I find in the editorial which is in the *Scientific American*, July 21. My views as regards the expediency or propriety of anticipating the report of the committee remain the same, but as the criticism has brought two of "the startling deductions" prominently forward, I feel that it will be in place to correct, if possible, any mischievous effect which the article might produce.

I will first notice a misquotation. Although my letter was not copied, I feel very sure that I did not say that "the deductions of Rankine and other authorities were wholly wrong." I did say (if I did not say so now) that there are wrong deductions among them.

First, in regard to the action of the stud. All English authorities unite in the assertion that its introduction adds to the strength of a link, and I am glad to have so "eminent" an American engineer place himself so squarely on record as indorsing this view. It will not be necessary to bring any theory to oppose fact in order to set this question at rest, for our records of the rupture of many cable links made of iron of all grades demonstrate that in every instance where a studded link and an open link are at the same time subjected to tension, it is the studded link that breaks. And if from the same bar studded and open links are prepared, the record of the ultimate strength of the latter, as found by test, is in every case above that of the former by from 5 to 15 per cent.

These facts obtained, there is but a little thinking necessary to procure a theory which shall account for them. A link is a bar of iron bent to an oval form and the ends welded. When this link is subjected to tension in direction of its longitudinal axis, the first tendency after its elastic limit is passed is to close laterally. The strain upon the fiber of the iron is relieved by the amount absorbed in the process of closing, until at last the link, having assumed its strongest form, viz., the two sides parallel, and separated but by the diameter of the wire, there is no longer a relief by change of form of the made-up article, but the change must take place among the atoms, and the iron

yields to a stress nearly equal to that which would be required to rupture simultaneously two bars of iron. The rupture is in the direction of the fibers which pull apart. The introduction of a comparatively incompressible obstacle prevents this closure, and the sides of the link borne down over the sharp, hard edge of the stud are cut and weakened, and subjected to a modification of the stress, which is resolved into a pressure at right angles to the grain.

It seems but natural to expect that this leverage should have some effect, and that it does our records of strength of links supply sufficient evidence. But although the results thus differ from those of Rankine and others, neither they nor we are necessarily wrong. There is a marked difference between the comparative strength of studded and open links, due to the character of the iron from which they are made. Open links made from "soft" ductile iron are fully 15 per cent. stronger than studded ones, where the iron is coarse and hard; but with good power to resist steady stress the difference between the two varieties lowers to from 3 to 6 per cent. And in this we find a reason why both sets of experiments may, although differing, be right; and it shows too that it is not entirely safe to depend upon rules and formulas deduced from the action of foreign metals in attempting to judge of our own.

The English use for cable bolts iron, the tensile strength of which is required to be equal to 60,000 pounds per square inch; and for a stud they use malleable iron. Their cables will resist great steady strains, but "practically" many of them, especially of the larger sizes, have been broken by sudden strains. Notably those of the frigate which brought home from India His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

We use iron of less tensile strength and a cast iron stud. The percentages of difference we have found lead us to believe that were the cables experimented upon by Rankine and ourselves similar, we would probably have procured similar results. But as under existing circumstances the results do differ, it is well enough to know it and the reason why.

The next "startling deduction" is that "the strongest links are not made from the strongest bars." A moment's reflection will show that the link, a manufactured article, which has had its original inherent strength modified by reheating, bending and welding, must depend for its strength upon the capacity of the iron from which it is made to resist the deteriorating effects, if any exist, of these processes.

The strongest bars are those which either through excess of carbon, copper or some other constituents have great tenacity, at the expense of either welding and working qualities, or they are from ores free from these ingredients, but which receive, during the process of rolling, so much "work" that the subsequent forging detracts from a certain part of the bar a part of its strength.

Our results, stated briefly, show that among the points to be avoided in the selection of chain iron is the high tensile strength, whatever may be the cause which produces it. We have instances of competitive tests of too pure refined iron, in bar and cable form: One with a strength of 60,000 pounds to the square inch, the other with but 53,000 pounds when tested as bars. As cables, the latter in every test yielded higher results than the former, and we have much confirmation of this experiment.

It is probable that among the "startling deductions" criticised, the critic includes the assertion in my letter to the effect that we had succeeded in establishing definitely, or at least sufficiently so for practical purposes, that there exists a relationship between the strength and other properties of the round bar and those of the link made from it, which is so fixed that the simple and comparatively inexpensive test by tension of a test piece one-half inch in diameter from a bar of any iron will furnish data which, properly understood, will be a basis upon which the strength of a link or links made from that bar can be as closely estimated as the strength of one set of links can be by the test to destruction of others of the same iron and size.

Further, that from the strength developed by a bar of any diameter of a uniform homogeneous iron, the strength of bars of any given diameter of the same iron can be closely ascertained, tables having been prepared by which the variation in proportional strength due to variation in diameter can be ascertained and allowed for; and that by the combination of these tables with the data of others which give the percentage of the strength of the bar generally developed by links made from it, the strength of links of any diameter of wire can be closely predicted from the rupture by tension of a small test piece.

FOR EXAMPLE.

Bar 2" diam. T. St. 48,000 lbs. per sq. in. ult. str. bar 150,816 lbs.
Strength of links (according to character of iron as shown by reduction of area, elongation, appearance of fracture, &c.) from 160% to 175% of strength of bar.

At tensile strength of 48,000 lbs., probably about 170%—256,387 lbs. strength of links.
Bar 1½" same iron, probable tensile strength 54,000 lbs. per sq. in., ult. strength bar 53,676, of which 170%—91,250 lbs. strength of links.

We find that a remarkably large percentage of the links made of suitable iron develops a wonderful uniformity of percentage of the bar's strength, and in almost every case where there is a discrepancy we can find the reason why by our notes.

There are, however, certain grades of iron which will not develop higher than from 120 to 140 per cent. of the bar's strength. These are generally defective either through excess of tensile strength, or through "red short" qualities, which have insured their injury during manufacture.

The remaining "somewhat startling deductions" are in each case quite susceptible of proof, and it is hoped that the efforts which have been made to prove or disprove theories by the aid of facts, will in due time divest the work of the committee of any claim to be ranked as the "theoretical dicta" of anyone.

The report in question contains the record of the stress required to rupture by different forms of force over a thousand bars of iron,

made by different manufacturers, and by different processes, and of all sizes from 4 in. to ¼ in., with full details of the varying action under the stress, thus giving facts, not theories. From the bars a great number of links have been made, and the history of their action under stress furnishes another set of facts. The combination of these two sets of facts has presented certain ratios and proportions, and given basis for theories which can be compared with the facts from which they originated, and it is considered that evidence enough will be presented to sustain the assertion that "practically chain cables have (not) in all cases served their purpose"—that they have in many cases been made from iron the strength of which, through the use of an erroneously shaped test piece, has been greatly overrated, and that in selecting the strongest bar from which to make the link, an "erroneous rule" has prevailed. And of more importance than all, perhaps, that many finished cables have been seriously injured by the use of the proving strain of the British Admiralty: strains which too high on all sizes are irregular in their proportion to the strength of the various sizes, testing by way of proof a 2" cable to nearly 70 per cent. of its ultimate strength, and a 1" cable to much less, but still too high. For this table another, which has been calculated from the results actually obtained, is furnished.

In short, the report referred to is a compendium of much work, and it can be hardly fair that it should be subjected to adverse criticism until the critic has had an opportunity of finding out somewhat of the nature of that which he presumes to condemn.

Yours truly,

L. A. BEARDSLEE,
Com. U. S. N. and Member U. S. Board.

The Outlook for the Iron Trade.

FIFTH PAPER.

The present condition and future prospects of American rolling mills demand very grave consideration. Many millions of dollars are invested in this branch of business, and the fate of these millions, carrying with it that of whole communities, requires the utmost caution and accuracy in the attempt to form conclusions. Brief reference to some of the figures embodied in the satisfactory report of Mr. Swank, of the American Iron and Steel Association, for 1876 may not be uninteresting.

At the close of 1876 there were "338 rolling mills, containing 4488 single puddling furnaces (each double furnace being counted two single furnaces), with an annual capacity of over 4,000,000 net tons."

The total product of rolled iron in 1876, including iron and steel rails, was 1,921,730 tons, against 1,941,992 tons in 1875 and 1,966,445 tons in 1873, the year of largest production.

The total of rolled iron outside of rails was 1,042,101, or 100,000 tons more than in 1875, when the price of the best refined bar iron at Philadelphia averaged the year through \$97.63 per ton, and only 34,000 tons less than in 1873, when the same iron averaged \$86.43. We imported in tons:

Pig iron.....	1872, 295,967	1876, 83,039
Bar iron.....	89,576	26,652
Iron rails.....	381,664	287
Steel rails.....	149,786	...
Old iron and scrap.....	278,257	14,149
Miscellaneous.....	29,494	3,765
Total.....	1,224,144	127,925

From these figures we see that practically foreign products have been excluded, while the American production has remained substantially the same, yet the price has been steadily falling until the iron quoted above as at \$83.43 in 1873 averaged only \$52.08 in 1876, or \$2.58 lower than the lowest price ever before reached, viz., \$54.66 in 1851, and in May of the present year it fell to \$45.25, the lowest figure in the history of the trade.

Great reductions, both in the prices of labor and materials, have taken place from time to time, but nevertheless it is a fact, only too well known to most manufacturers, that for many months past business has been conducted not only without profit, but oftentimes with positive loss. The careful figures of Mr. W. E. S. Baker, in *The Iron Age* of July 5, to the latter conclusion. That he fully appreciates the gravity of the position is evidenced by the following extracts: "The whole iron industry seems to be approaching a dangerous crisis, which may result in unexpected and almost irreparable disaster. While the present product exceeds the consumption and the price obtained is below actual cost, a decided and immediate decrease in the production seems to be the only practicable remedy."

But can such a remedy be applied? We think that Mr. Baker, in a single sentence, shows the impossibility when he says: "Furnace and rolling-mill owners are unwilling or unable to suspend operations, but continue to make and throw iron upon a demoralized market, vainly hoping that their average cost for the year will not exceed the average of their sales, until the sheriff exposes their defective financing."

There are comparatively few men who have the nerve to cut short their losses. With the positive knowledge that they are losing, they nevertheless hope against hope that something will turn up to change the scale in their favor. Nor is this to be wondered at. Many have pulled through mere commercial crises before. Engrossed with present cares they have neither the time nor inclination to stop to examine whether any cause other than that of a general business depression is working against them. At first unwilling, the time comes when they are unable to stop; their capital impaired and their credit taxed to the utmost, their only hope lies in "bridging" until better times come, and so they go on spending more than a new dollar to make an old dollar good; their only hope for a market is in cutting under current rates, and in the vain struggle for existence they are largely instrumental in bringing about their own eventual ruin. While weaker concerns are pursuing this suicidal course, the stronger ones, conscious of their superior strength and naturally unwilling to lose the trade secured by many years of honorable exertion, are compelled to meet this fatal competition, and so

the fight goes on until the weaker succumbs, leaving the other almost conquered by his own victory.

The history of the last seven years especially shows that all combinations for the regulating of prices by limiting production have failed, and a careful study of the laws of trade inevitably lead to the conclusion that all such attempts must and will fail where large numbers and wide areas are concerned.

Years ago a combination of pig iron makers was attempted without the faintest approximation to success. For years the bar iron manufacturers have regularly assembled and established a card, only to find that before they had fairly gotten to their homes some one outside of the organization, or some unscrupulous member in it, had "cut under" the rates agreed upon.

The breaking up of the late coal combination is the most striking of all failures, as the paucity of numbers and magnitude of interests would seem to have warranted success if success were possible.

We do not see how any successful plan for limiting production can be devised. On the contrary, there seems to be good reasons for thinking that causes are operating to add to the capacity of the country, even faster than the sheriff can strike off those mills that are now upon the roll.

Of late years there has been steady progress in the direction of increasing the product and decreasing the cost by the adoption of new processes and improved machinery. To thinking men it has become painfully evident that the cost of turning pig iron into the finished product is entirely too high, that the cost of and quantity of the fuel used is excessive, and that some method must be devised to substitute mechanical for hand puddling. The long, repeated and bitter fights between mill owners and puddlers has kept the trade in perpetual turmoil and uncertainty. Without entering at all upon the question as to whether the puddlers can and ought to be contented with less wages, the fact remains that the American mill owner cannot afford to pay \$4.50 to \$5 per ton and successfully compete with the foreign manufacturer, who only pays 10/12 for the same work. Another fact must not be overlooked, viz., that the product of mechanical puddling is better than hand puddling, irrespective of lower cost, and this of itself is of prime importance, when we take into consideration the work that modern engineering is calling into existence. That some form of mechanical puddling is to be the process of the future is as certain as that the sun shines, and whether its introduction be slow or speedy the result is the same—death to the mills of the past. Local demands may in many instances delay this consummation, but it will only delay, since the cheaper product, even if manufactured at a distance, through the ever increasing facilities of transportation will take possession of the more remote markets of the country. Concealing that reconstruction will take place, it must necessarily be under given conditions.

The objection made in England to the introduction of mechanical puddlers was that it rendered worthless existing plants. The whole machinery is so different from what it has been that you cannot remodel, you must rebuild, and this too at heavy cost. Hence only parties already strongly established or those able to command large capital can stay in the race.

Is it not reasonable to suppose that the future iron industry will centralize around certain favorable points, and that mammoth establishments will arise at the expense of existing smaller and scattered works? If we are satisfied that such is the tendency of the times, will it be possible to effect any combination to raise prices or limit production? To apply a common but forcible Americanism, "Will not the longest pole bring down the most persimmons?"

We may bewail the present unfortunate condition of things; we may cry aloud that there are too many in the business, and already too large an output; we may denounce as folly or insanity any new investment in furnaces or mills, but it will avail nothing to prevent people from going into new enterprises if they think they can see a profit.

A fitting example of this comes to us across the waters. The condition of the iron and steel trade is fully as bad, if not worse, in Great Britain as in the United States. Furnaces are out of blast by scores, mills have shut down, coal and ore mines have stopped, thousands of workmen are idle and a fierce competition by French and Belgian steel makers meets the British iron master at every turn. With an acknowledged capacity far beyond home needs, and with foreign markets gradually closing against them, one would naturally imagine that capital, abundant and cheap as it is there, would hesitate before going into new ventures; yet we are advised that Bolckow, Vaughan & Co., so well known for the magnitude of their undertakings, are erecting at Eston Junction, in the North of England, a magnificent steel plant, "to comprise seven high-blast furnaces and eight converters, capable of producing steel rails and plates in quantity equal to 2000 tons per week," not to utilize home ores, but ores from Bilbao, Spain.

Men are reasoning differently now than at any previous time in the history of the trade. If they have even a moderate share of experience and intelligence they can see that the day of excessive profits in the iron and steel business has gone by. A fair, legitimate, moderate return for the capital invested is all that can be hoped for, and to secure this the best methods must be adopted, the most favorable locations secured, an ample investment of capital made, and the utmost economy and closest business management exercised. Under these conditions, even the return must come in the shape of a small profit on a large product, and it is upon this basis that the prudent man will figure.

He plainly sees that iron and steel is a necessity of the age; it is absolutely certain that the demand will never be less than it is to-day, but that, on the contrary, it will steadily increase. The country now requires, as a minimum, 2,000,000 tons of rolled iron and steel per annum, and the control of this magnificent business is swinging on one

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The favor with which *The Metallurgical Review* has been received, shows that it has entered upon a life of great and permanent usefulness, and the arrangements already made by its conductors give promise that its monthly issues will be found to possess a steadily increasing interest and value.

It is evident to all who are well informed as to the state of the metallurgical industries of the world, that we have fairly entered upon an era of exceptionally rapid scientific progress, in which many of the old methods of treatment will be superseded by new and more economical processes. The "New Metallurgy" demands a current literature of its own. Newspapers cannot give space to the calm discussion of matters of purely scientific interest; books can, at most, follow progress at a distance. *The Metallurgical Review* is intended to be a record of current progress, which shall combine the enterprise of a newspaper with the convenience and permanent value of a book. Its interest is both scientific and practical, and its conductors will spare no pains to secure valuable original contributions from writers of known ability and recognized scientific standing, American and foreign.

The field of *The Metallurgical Review* includes whatever is new and important, or which possesses historical or practical interest relating to the metallurgy of the useful metals, from the mining of the ores to the final processes which make the metals available as materials in the arts. Matters of scientific interest indirectly connected with these subjects will also be considered, when of importance to the student or the original investigator.

The indexing of the volumes will be very complete. Each will have a general index of titles and a full topical index to aid the student in searching for facts and references. It is intended that a set of volumes shall be a valuable library of metallurgical literature, and nothing will be omitted which can in any way contribute to the convenience of the reader.

single point, that of the lowest cost of making. It is doubtful whether there is a single large concern in the United States that does not fully appreciate this, and whose managers are not earnestly and exhaustively studying how they can secure it. The best proof of this is in the anxiety with which every new process is investigated and tested, oftentimes at large and fruitless expense; every demonstrated improvement adopted, and every new district putting forth superior claims examined.

While a wail of despair comes up from certain sections, we see remarkable activity in others. That capital cannot be and is not depressed by the present unfavorable condition of the trade is evidenced by the building of a dozen furnaces in Ohio in a single year; the erection of furnaces, mills and steel plants in the Southern States with not only American but with foreign money; the enlargement and improvement of furnaces in certain localities both East and West; and, most significant of all, the erection of additional Danks mechanical puddling furnaces, as improved by Mr. Williams, superintendent of Graff, Bennett & Co.'s works, Pittsburgh.

Is it possible to curb or suppress such activity by any combination? Is it not part and parcel of a great natural irresistible movement, which, bringing perchance distress and ruin to individuals, is nevertheless to benefit the nation at large?

Is it not wiser and better to look at this matter full in the face than, ostrich like, to bury our heads in the sand and foolishly imagine that our whole bodies are protected?

We do not think we err greatly in summing up as follows: Old time machinery, wherever situated, must go to the scrap pile. Modern mills with fairly available machinery, but unfavorably located, must be transferred to more favorable positions associated with those owning blast furnaces, and the whole run under one strong, efficient administration. Just in proportion as this action is delayed will the labors and perquisites of the sheriff be increased. By such action temporary relief will come, and a present trade may be retained to serve as a basis for that further improvement and enlargement that the times imperatively demand. Such re-organized concerns will have to meet as competitors those already well established and constantly introducing new improvements, and both in time will find dangerous rivals in new combinations of capital securing cheap and valuable mineral properties—building at low cost new plants embracing all the best results of the highest skill and the world's experience and producing standard products at minimum cost. It may very justly be said that the last competition will come slowly, as it is a difficult matter, even in ordinary times, and especially in this country, to get men of ample means to expend so large an amount as such a scheme requires. It is fortunate that it is so, for a too ready extension in this direction would produce such a rapid sweeping away of values as to increase tenfold the present distress.

The point we make is this: that improvement and extension will come to a sufficient degree to prevent any material advance upon present prices, and that any one now manufacturing without profit, or at a loss, cannot reasonably hope that the future will bring him financial salvation.

It may be said that the views above advanced are unnecessarily radical and unwarranted at this time. Time will show whether they be correct or fallacious. At all events, the issues involved are pregnant with momentous consequences, not only to the owners of existing works and their creditors, but to the capital of the country at large, and the sooner that clear and satisfactory conclusions are reached the better it will be for all concerned.

In another paper attention will be called to certain modern improvements which seem destined to exercise a marked influence upon, if not to largely revolutionize, the manufacture of iron and steel in the United States.

EDMUND C. FECHT.

CLEVELAND, Ohio.

New Patents.

We take the following abstract of new patents, recently issued, from the official record:

BLANK FOR SHIFTING RAILS OF CARRIAGES.



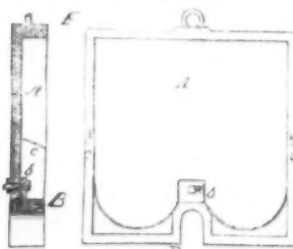
To E. D. Clapp and F. Van Patten, Auburn, N. Y.—Aug. 21.—As a new article of manufacture, the forging, consisting of bar A, having lugs B and E.

BLANK FOR SHIFTING RAILS OF CARRIAGES.



To E. D. Clapp and F. Van Patten, Auburn, N. Y.—Aug. 21.—As a new article of manufacture, the forging, consisting of the prop-holder iron A, having the lugs B and C.

FURNACE DOOR.



To Jas. Spinks, Pittsburgh, Pa.—Aug. 21.—The combination, specifically, of the casting A and casting B, the latter having the lug b and the horizontal connecting bolt or bolts d.

AMERICAN SCREW CO., Providence, R. I.

Manufacturers of

IMPROVED Gimlet Pointed Wood Screws, Patented

May 30,

1876.

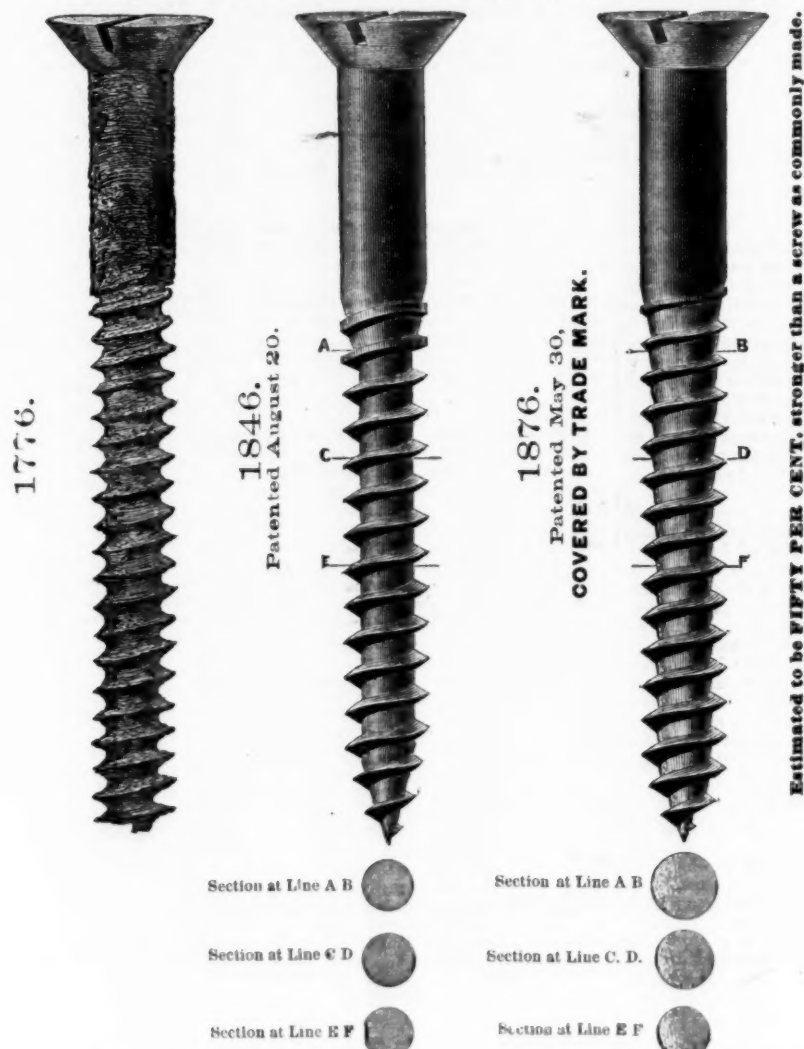


After forty years' experience we offer to the trade our Centennial Screw, patented May 30, 1876, as the best we have ever known.

The method of manufacturing is also patented, and we are changing our machinery as fast as possible, to manufacture the improved article only. To introduce them, they will be sold at same price as the old style screw.

The new screws will be packed in manila colored boxes with new label covering end of box, and enlarged figures showing plainly contents.

To distinguish this screw we have adopted a trade mark, which is also secured to us.



The above drawings show the progress of screw making from the old blunt point to style now adopted.

Experience has shown that the weak point of screws, as formerly made, is at the heel of the thread, where all the strains of forcing the screw into the wood naturally concentrate.

To avoid the sharp angle existing in the old style of screws has been the aim of all manufacturers, but every expedient hitherto adopted has proved as objectionable as the evil complained of.

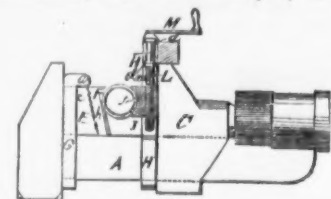
It will be seen in our new screw that not only is the sharp angle avoided, but the strength very much increased, as illustrated above. See sections at lines.

CLAIM.

"A Pointed Wood Screw having the outer periphery of the thread upon its body cylindrical, while a portion of the body below the thread and near the neck is conical, the remainder of the body to the point being cylindrical, and yet having all the thread brought to an edge of a constant angle, without jogs in the paths between the threads, substantially as described."

PIPE AND NUT WRENCH WITH CUTTER.

To B. L. Walker, Sing Sing, N. Y.—Aug. 21.—1. In a wrench constructed with a fixed jaw B, and a movable jaw C, the combination, with the fixed jaw, of the



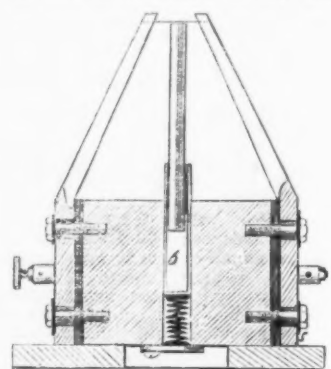
wedge-shaped griper-block and the spring-strap G, having the turned down ends a, and embracing the said block and the bar A, and holding the griper-block in the relation to the bar and fixed jaw, the said griper-block constructed to have a longitudinally-sliding movement on the strap G.

2. The combination of the sliding and gripping-cutter carrier E, carrying the cutter F, strap G, frame H, carrying the grooved sliding support I, feed-screw L, having bearing K, and winch M.

ELECTRIC CANDLE.

To W. E. Sawyer, New York, N. Y.—1. The method of obtaining an electric light, consisting in heating a refractory substance by bringing it in contact with a heated conductor of electricity.

2. An electric candle, in which a conductor of electricity, heated to any desired



degree of intensity, renders luminous a non-conducting substance in contact therewith, as set forth.

3. An electric candle, in which the circuit producing the light is entirely metallic, in combination with a substance which is rendered luminous by heating.

4. An electric candle, in which the light is produced by the direct action of the electric current upon its conductor, in combination with a clay, lime, or other refractory substance, substantially as shown and described.

5. In an electric candle, the combination, with a refractory substance, rendered luminous by heat, of apparatus for forcing the same to a constant bearing against a heated conductor, substantially as shown and described.

194,396.—Riveting Machine.—J. F. Allen, New York, N. Y.—Aug. 21.

Depressions in the face of the hammer at right angles to its narrow striking surfaces allow the metal of the rivet-head to spread when struck. The narrow striking surfaces act upon each part of the rivet, in virtue of the continued turning of the hammer by the mechanism specified in the first claim, and eventually produce the finished head. An adjustable foot, provided with a steady-pin, which enters one of the rivet holes, supports the machine upon the work, and the machine is connected to the anvil block by a bolt, that passes through one of the rivet holes and into a slotted arm projecting from the said anvil block.

194,393.—Horse Shoe Nail Machines.—H. E. Woodford, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.—Aug. 21.

The disk carrying the graduated rolls for drawing the nail-blank is also provided with a projection on its periphery for operating the cutters, which, at the proper time, are brought in position to sever the blank. One cutter is fixed in the side of the anvil, the other to a pivoted arm connected with the anvil, with which said arm advances and recedes, bringing its cutter in position to act, and again withdrawing it from the path of the graduated rolls.

194,464.—Machine for Making Horse Shoe Nails.—D. I. Pruner, McVeytown, Pa.—Aug. 21.

Die rollers form the rod into a series of connected (heads and points) blanks. Emery wheels remove all irregularities left by the forming process, and a shear co-operating with a stationary bed die trims and points each nail, and severs it from the rod. A pawl, operated by the shear-carrying plunger, feeds the rod forward. A V-shaped plate, backed by a spring, acts to discharge a nail that adheres to the shearing die.

194,469.—Screw-Cutting Tap and Die.—John Schaub, Allegheny, Pa., assignor to himself, J. C. Reynier and J. H. Rhine.—Aug. 21.

The tops of the threads of alternate sections are removed, so as to lead and cut the width of the thread, while the succeeding sections finish the cut by deepening the groove.

The following trade-marks were registered during the week ending Aug. 21:

5051.—Prepared Paints.—Heath & Milligan, Chicago, Ill.

"The word 'Best,' printed, (upon a ground of any desired description) in red, with large letters, open or skeleton, along the central portion of a label to which it is applied, the name of the particular kind of paint contained in the package being printed over it in smaller black letters, all as shown."

5080.—Vehicles and Vehicle Springs.—William W. Grier, Hulton, Pa.

"The word-symbol 'Dexter.'"

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company's elevator at Pittsburgh, which was burned by the strikers, is to be replaced by a new one. This will be 40x120 feet and 60 feet high. The capacity will be about 100,000 bushels, one-fifth of that of the one destroyed. It will cost about \$40,000.

Harvesting Machines.

BY EDWARD A. UHLMING, M. E.

(Continued.)

All the force necessary to overcome the resistances described, except 1 and 2, must be transmitted through the driving wheel or wheels, and is therefore dependent on their adhesion to the ground. The sum of these resistances does not fall far from 60 per cent. of the total effort, the remaining 40 per cent. being consumed in the transport of the machine through the grain or grass.

Trials to determine the draught under very unfavorable circumstances have, to our knowledge, never been made, but, judging from observation, the total resistance under such conditions often rises to double that given as results of dynamometer trials. Thus the maximum resistance to be met with in practice would be about 480 pounds for reapers and 360 pounds for mowers; allowing 40 per cent. for the transport of the machine, there remains 288 pounds for reapers and 216 pounds for mowers to be transmitted to the mechanism through the driving wheels.

Professor Thurston, in his paper on "The Past and Future of Road Locomotives," gives 28 per cent. as the coefficient of adhesion of smooth wheels upon a macadamized road, as found by actual trial. Taking 30 per cent. as the maximum coefficient of adhesion of the driving wheels of harvesting machines, which is certainly all they are capable of transmitting, considering them as smooth faced, we find 960 pounds for reapers and 720 pounds for mowers as the minimum load on the driving wheels to insure sufficient driving capacity.

All manufacturers of harvesting machines have resorted to a simple expedient for rendering the driving wheels more effective, consisting of moderately long rectangular projections, with which the rims are provided. For reapers but little is gained, since in soft and mellow soils these projections can add but slightly to the resistance of the wheel against slipping, having in its favor only the difference between the adhesive force of earth to earth and earth to iron, which in some soils, under certain conditions, may even result in favor of the latter.

A soil consisting of heavy loam and also some varieties of black soil, in a tolerably wet condition, will adhere so strongly to the periphery of the wheels as to hide the projections entirely. On dry and compact soils the aid of the projection is but rarely if ever wanted; doing work only in making impressions in the ground, they necessarily add to the resistance of transport. Thus it appears that, on the whole, for reapers this expedient is rather an objection than an advantage; a few of the manufacturers seem to have come to the same conclusion, and are now commencing to build machines with smooth-faced driving wheels.

For mowers, on the contrary, the peripheral projections are of great importance; entering the sod, which, even when quite wet, offers considerable lateral resistance, they become quite effective in preventing slipping. With the aid of this expedient mowers can be constructed of minimum weight without great danger of rendering their driving capacity uncertain. The majority of the American mowing machines would be ineffective with smooth-faced driving wheels on account of their extreme lightness.

In all machines whose wheel base is exactly or nearly a straight line, proper balancing is of the greatest importance. The weight should be so distributed that after the driver has taken his seat the load on the necks of the draught animals shall be a minimum. Machines having a linear wheel base have the advantage of compactness, of being easily manipulated and of having the least weight carried by wheels not calculated to aid in driving the mechanism; their disadvantage is that they are generally more subject to side draught and that a perfect balance is obtained only with great difficulty. Some builders whose machines are not well balanced endeavor to annihilate the load on the necks of the draught animals by lowering the point of application of the tractive force, causing the vertical component of the pull to counteract the weight otherwise to be sustained at the end of the pole, maintaining that in this way they relieve the horses of every weight on their necks, whereas, in fact, the only difference between having the hitching point below or above the pole is, that in the former case the force necessary to equilibrate the machine is transmitted through the whiffletrees and traces to the horses' necks, while in the latter it goes by way of the pole and neck yoke, the effect on the animals being the same in either case. Machines having a polygonal wheel base have an advantage over the former as regards balancing, and more liberties may be taken in the distribution of the parts. The pole being jointed to the frame, the animals have never more than half its weight bearing on their necks. On the other hand they have many disadvantages, having much ineffective weight, being less compact and generally more difficult to manipulate. The extra wheels are necessarily castor wheels (unless a truck be employed, which is still more awkward), and always give trouble on hillsides, guiding the machine either up or down grade, according as to whether the castor wheel is placed forward or in rear of the body of the machine.

Ready means for adjusting the machines to the proper height for cutting grain or grass under various conditions, as well as to pass over obstacles without delay or danger to the machine, is of paramount importance.

Mowers always have the finger-bar joined to the frame, and are by this means rendered, to a great degree, self-adjusting; the cutter continually conforming to the ground, is free enough to glide over moderate undulations and sink into shallow depressions, thus cutting to the best advantage, without any special attention on the part of the driver. This alone however would not be sufficient, and therefore all modern machines have within convenient reach of the driver, one or more levers by means of which he can manipulate the cutter instantly whenever occasion requires. In all well-designed machines the levers are arranged so that the finger-bar can be raised bodily, or either end

of it, at pleasure; besides this it should be provided with a lever for giving it a tilting motion, without which the machine cannot always cut to the best advantage.

For reapers, the best mode of manipulation is somewhat different. Single reapers do not require the cutter-bar to be jointed, and they are therefore always built with the latter rigidly connected to the main frame, generally forming a part thereof. The range through which the cutter of a reaper should be capable of being raised and lowered ought not to be less than 18 inches, the lower limit being quite close to the ground. Nearly all machines with a linear wheel base are manipulated by rotation about an axis through the grain-wheel and driving-wheel. Those having a polygonal base are rotated about an axis through the grain-wheel and parallel to the cutter-bar. Both of these modes of manipulation have a tilting effect upon the cutter-bar and platform. Some machines rely entirely upon this rotary motion for adjustment, and consequently the extreme positions are very unfavorable to the delivering of the grain, which requires the machine to be so placed in order to properly cut it. The gavels of short grain, in consequence of the great elevation of the rear end of the platform, drop on end and scatter, while those of long straw are jammed, for reasons obviously directly opposite. The majority of the machines, however, can be set to any height that suits the conditions of the field to be cut, the range of adjustment by rotation being the same for every "setting" of the body of the machine. In the permanent adjustment, the whole body of the machine being elevated or depressed, as the case may require, the range of adjustment by rotation is not required to be so great, and hence the objection noticed above is partially obviated.

Machines allowing of permanent adjustment, as well as momentary manipulation, have, notwithstanding their preference, great defects not experienced in the use of the former. The machine being once adjusted, cannot be altered without stopping it, and in most machines not without trouble and considerable loss of time. This may occasionally become quite inconvenient, when the grain in a field varies very considerably in height, it becoming necessary to adjust the machine to the smallest size, and thus cut the tall part of the crop lower than may be desirable.

In order to be perfect, the manipulating gear should be such as to be able to elevate or depress the cutter-bar and platform, bodily, to any height required while the machine is in motion, and in addition have a certain amount of tilting motion. But there are practical difficulties in the way, which prevent such a mode of manipulation from being successfully introduced. Owing to the weight to be raised it becomes ponderous and requires considerable exertion on the part of the driver to make the required adjustment promptly. Manipulating by tilting, on the contrary, is very easily effected, and if the machine is well balanced it can be adjusted with a slight expenditure of muscular power.

For nearly half a century from the time of Pitt's machine, the attention of inventors was almost entirely directed toward the perfection of rotary cutters, consisting of discs and various systems of knives, fixed in pairs or in greater numbers to revolving vertical axes. Knives attached to endless belts or chains running around horizontal sheaves were also invented in a variety of forms. All of these,* along with a great multitude of complex reciprocating cutters, are now only regarded as mechanical curiosities. Although the invention of the reciprocating cutter is with propriety attributed to Mr. Ogle (1822), it was not until Mr. Hussey (1833) embodied it into his machine along with other equally important principles, that machine cutting was crowned with success.

The modern cutting mechanism consists essentially of three parts:

1st. *The Knife or Sickle*.—Consisting of a slender rectangular bar of iron or steel, to which is riveted triangular knife blades having either a smooth or a serrated edge. The former are known as grass, the latter as grain sections. The grain section, if correctly made, is always obtuse angled. Its only advantage is that it will remain effective until it is worn out or broken. Its disadvantage is that it always requires more power than the smooth-edged section when the latter is in good condition, and that it can be used efficiently only in quite ripe and dry grain. The smooth-edged section is always acute-angled—generally an equilateral triangle with the corners truncated. Accurate experiments have, to our knowledge, not yet been made to determine the effect of the inclination of the cutting edges, but about 60 deg. works well, and that has been satisfactory to all parties materially concerned. The grass section has the advantage that it works well under all conditions as long as it is kept sharp, and the disadvantage that it requires to be sharpened quite often.

2d. *The Guard Fingers*.—The office of these is not so much to guard the cutter against injury, as the name would imply, as to render the latter effective. They are firmly bolted to the cutter bar. Their distance apart depends upon the dimensions of the knife sections, varying from 2½ to 4 inches, but 3 inches seems to be the figure to which builders are now approaching. It combines good practical results with perhaps the least cost. Guard fingers should combine great stiffness with a high modulus of rupture. Resilience, as a result of ductility, is of much less importance than a high elastic limit. Consequently that material which offers the greatest resistance before distortion takes place is best suited for guard fingers. As a rule it is better the guard should break than bend out of shape, for it is generally cheaper to insert a new one than to rectify one that has been distorted, and for this reason cast iron is preferable to wrought iron. As is obvious from the principle of cutting, which resembles that of shears, it is of the greatest importance to have that part of the guards against which the sections cut, a sharp corner. In cast iron and wrought iron guards, and even those made of mild steel, the edge wears away quite rapidly, and the knife, unless very

* Beautifully illustrated in the American Mechanical Dictionary, pp. 1495 and 1492.

sharp, becomes inefficient. To remedy this many builders insert a steel plate which can be taken out and sharpened or renewed as often as required.

3d. *The Crank and Connecting Rod*.—These are almost universally employed in transforming the rotary motion of the driving wheels into the rapidly-reciprocating motion of the sickle. Many devices have been proposed and tried to take the place of the crank and connecting rod, but there is to our knowledge as yet but one which, in our estimation, has sufficient merit to compare favorably with the former. (The movement we just referred to is employed in the "Haymaker" mower.)

Owing to the rapid motion and exposure to dust and grit, the crank, as well as the joint at the sickle head, wear very rapidly, and having once started, continue at a vastly increasing rate, and unless the best care is taken from the beginning, a few days suffice to make it serious. In consequence of this wear frequent breakages of the sickle occur, which is jerked in two by the sudden change of motion caused by too much play in the joints. Although nearly all builders have devised means for tightening these joints, there still remains much to be done before the adjustments can be made quite satisfactory.

The crank and connecting rod are subject to still another defect, which appears to some extent in nearly all reapers, and cannot well be entirely obviated in mowers: It consists of the oblique thrust of the crank, caused by the fact that the crank shaft is always more or less elevated above the plane in which the sickle reciprocates. The energy wasted by the obliquity of the thrust of the connecting rod can very easily be calculated, it being equal to the total thrust multiplied by the sine of the angle made by the connecting rod and the line of reciprocation.

If we denote the wasted energy by W_e , the total thrust by T and the angle by X , we can express it algebraically by the formula:

$$W_e = T \sin X.$$

In many machines X is as great as 20 deg., the sine of which is 0.342. Calculating T , approximately, from a number of mowers, we found it to average about 60 pounds. Substituting these values in the formula we have:

$$W_e = 60 \times 0.342 = 20.52 \text{ pounds,}$$

the travel of the knife being generally one-third greater than that of the machine, which averages 240 per minute, hence we have for wasted energy per minute:

$$W_e = (240 \times 20.52) \div 60 = 820.8 \text{ foot pounds,}$$

the motion of the sickle may vary in two ways: first, in regard to length of stroke; second, in regard to the number of reciprocations per unit of linear advance of the machine. The length of stroke in practice varies between 2 and 6 inches; in the latter case the stroke is double the distance between guards. As already stated, 3 inches is the length of stroke most generally employed. The long stroke cannot well be employed in mowers, since the outer end of the sickle would protrude into the standing grass a considerable distance at the end of each stroke, where it would be liable to injury, because the shoe cannot well be made wide enough to protect it. In reapers, harvesters, and especially in headers, it is employed with advantage. A sickle with long stroke cuts very smoothly and effectively, and very little requires less power than one with short stroke—the force necessary to overcome the inertia of the reciprocating parts in changing the direction of their motion is reduced to ½ at least. The long stroke has one other advantage, that the sections in passing entirely through one guard keep them clear; this a sickle knife, in passing from center to center, cannot accomplish. The number of reciprocations per unit of linear advance, say 240 feet per minute, seems to be much less settled to a standard than the length of stroke even, for it varies from about 300 in reapers to 800 in mowers, being the same in no two machines of different make.

Scarcely anything has been done to determine, by scientifically conducted experiments, the relation existing between the speed of sickle, length of stroke, length and inclination of cutting edges and distance between guard-fingers, which, for the average speed of draught-horses, would give the highest efficiency, combined with durability and economy of first cost. It is evident that, for a given distance between guards, if the length of stroke be made double, treble, etc., that distance, the effectiveness of the cutter will be increased in the same ratio, provided the number of reciprocations remain unaltered; also, for a given linear speed of sickle, we may reduce the stroke if we increase the number of reciprocations in the same ratio, without altering the effectiveness of the cutter, provided the ratio of the length of stroke to the distance between guards remains the same; and again, the speed may be reduced without diminishing the effectiveness, by decreasing the distance between guards correspondingly and increasing their number and the number of knife sections in the same ratio, provided the length of stroke remains an integral multiple of the distance between guards. Thus we see that for a given effect, the speed of sickle varies inversely as the ratio of the length of stroke to the distance between guards; or, in other words, inversely as the number of guards against which each knife section acts during one entire stroke, and, if that ratio be unity, the speed varies directly as the distance between the guard fingers. Hence by indefinitely reducing the distance between guards, and increasing their number and the number of knife sections in the same ratio, it follows that—theoretically—any speed of knife can produce a given cutting effect, and if the cutting edges were perfect a minimum speed would give a maximum efficiency.

Practically, however, the problem has quite a different aspect. The cutting edges cannot be made perfect. Each guard finger being required to have a certain strength will occupy a certain space that limits the number, which can—mechanically—be placed side by side in the length of the cutter-bar;

a definite distance required between them still further reduces the number that can be employed in practice. While efficiency, apparently, requires the greatest number of guard fingers and knife sections that can be effectively employed, economy demands the least number that will do the work.

As for the inclination of the cutting edges but little can be said. Supposing, however, they be perfectly sharp, there is no reason why the effectiveness should not be the same for any angle between 0 deg. and 180 deg., although the efficiency would, very probably, increase with the angle. The angle most common in practice is 60 deg., but there is no doubt that it should vary with the speed of sickle.

In the "Reports of the Commissioners to Vienna" it is stated that, according to Langres' experiments, 670 to 920 reciprocations per minute were the best velocities for mowers, and that Grignon had found 320 to be the best speed for reapers. We have not been able to ascertain how those figures were derived; in themselves they are of little value, since the rate of advance of the machine is given in neither case; it is evident that any velocity may be given to the sickle by simply increasing or retarding the speed of the machine. The best speed, furthermore, depends upon the length of stroke, distance between guards and, very likely, the angle of the cutters, of which nothing is said in the reports.

To determine experimentally the relation existing between the above-mentioned quantities for obtaining the best effect, is a problem which presents many difficulties. The conditions vary continually, and cannot be determined with any degree of precision. The power employed to propel the machine being always animal power is never uniform. The growth of the grain is never even, and its state of maturity will also vary in different parts of the field. The soil is always more or less undulating, and varies in softness according to its nature, condition and location.

All these external causes, which cannot be eliminated from a field trial, produce effects which might seriously impair the results and cause false conclusions to be drawn.

(To be continued.)

The National Portland Cement Co.

The National Portland Cement Company, of Kingston, N. Y., are engaged in the manufacture of a cement which, from its uniformity and great strength is of great value to the builder. At the Centennial it was subjected, as were the other cements exhibited, to a severe series of tests, in order to ascertain its power of resisting both tensile and crushing strains. In these trials most extraordinary strength was shown by the cement. The following table contains the average results attained with this and the best cements on exhibition at Philadelphia:

Cements, where made.	Crushing strength per sq. in.		Tensile strength per sq. in.	
	No. trials.	Lbs.	No. trials.	Lbs.
National Portland Cement Co., of Kingston, N. Y.	1482	30	273	5
German Portland Cement, Stettin, Germany	1439	12	216	3
English Portland Cement, near London	1330	10	216	3
English Portland Cement, near London	1140	12	199	3
Saylor's Portland Cement, Coplay, Pa.	1078	8	184	2
Wampum Cement & Lime Co., New Castle, Pa.	968	12	168	3
Pavin de Lafarge, Teill, Canton of Veviers, France	931	12	158	3
A. H. Lavers, London, England	926	6	152	2
Francis & Co., London, England	907	14	163	3
Wm. McCay, Ottawa, Can.	882	10	141	3
Borst & Roggenkamp, Delft, Netherlands	846	12	132	3
Longuet & Co., Boulogne-sur-mer, France	764	12	108	3
Riga Cement Co., Riga, Russia	693	5	134	2
Scamam Cement Co., Lom-ma, n' r' Alamo, Sweden	666	14	112	3
Bruno Hofmann, Port-Kund, Esthland, Russia	580	6	154	2

The Roman and most of the other cements shown are very far below these figures.

There were 19 other cements tested at Philadelphia, the tensile strengths in several instances falling below 30 pounds per square inch and the crushing strength below 200 pounds.

All the cements exhibited at Philadelphia were carefully tested before awards were recommended, by mixing them dry in each case with an equal measure of clean sand, tempering the mixture with water to the consistency of stiff mason's mortar, and then molding them into briquettes of suitable form for obtaining the tensile strength on a sectional area 1½ inch square, equal to 2¼ square inches; the briquettes were kept in the air one day to set, then immersed in water six days, and tested when seven days old. After thus obtaining the tensile strength in each case, the ends of the specimens were ground down to 1½-inch cubes, which were used the same day for obtaining the compressive strength by crushing. The results averaged from a number of trials with each sample of cement, and divided by 2¼ in order to get the strength per square inch, are recorded in the table. It may be stated, in further explanation, that although the results show beyond question, under the conditions named, the strength of the several specimens exhibited, it may not correctly indicate the relative merits of the customary productions of the several manufacturing companies represented. Some of them may have used special care in preparing the article exhibited, while others may have sent average samples from stock on hand.

General Q. A. Gilmore, in an article upon the cements, etc., exhibited at Philadelphia, says:

"The cement exhibited by Messrs. Toepfer, Grawitz & Co., of Stettin, Germany, made from an artificial mixture of lime and clay, justifies, by its excellence, this manner of manufacture."

It may be here stated that "The National Portland Cement Company," of Kingston, has been organized for making this cement at Kingston, Ulster county, N. Y., on the bank of the Hudson River, the materials

employed being Fuller's earth, kaolin and lime. They are thoroughly ground and mixed together by the wet process, although much less water is employed in the manipulation than in either the English works on the Thames or the works at Boulogne, France. Samples of this cement recently tested gave excellent results, as good as those obtained with the best article on exhibition.

It is hoped and believed that the manufacture of Portland cement in the United States has taken such a start that in a short time, possibly within a few months, very little, if any, of the foreign article will find a market here, except upon the Pacific coast, where it will be procured by direct importation. The natural light, quick-setting cements, known as Roman cements, are produced by burning at a comparatively low heat—not greatly exceeding in intensity and duration what would suffice to expel the carbonic acid—certain argillaceous or silicious limestones, usually containing less than 77 per cent. of carbonate of lime, or argillaceous limestones, which contain less than 77 per cent. of both carbonates, and then grinding the product to a fine powder between millstones. They can be and in Europe were formerly produced artificially, by burning a mixture of lime, or of carbonate of lime and clay (before Portland cement became known) by the discovery that with certain definite proportions of the ingredients, and by burning at a high heat, the quality of the product became vastly improved. The greater value of the Portland cement, producing as it does a mortar possessing about four times the strength at much less than twice the cost of the light, quick-setting artificial cements, gradually drove these from the market, and their manufacture soon ceased and has never been resumed.

It is not to be expected that the use of the natural light cements will be altogether superseded by that of Portland. At the same time it must be admitted that for similar purposes good Portland cement suitably diluted with common lime, in order to bring it down to the standard of natural cements, is, in most localities, the least costly of the two.

The process of manufacture employed by the company at Kingston consists in burning lime in the kilns, then placing it in the top story of the mill, from which, after being weighed to secure the right quantity, it is shot down into large tanks containing water, and in which are large revolving stones, by means of which it is crushed and slaked. The requisite quantities of the different clays are then added, and when thoroughly reduced and amalgamated, the charges are sent below into a large tank in which are revolving blades, and, passing in transit through Burr mills rapidly revolving and dressed smooth, by means of which all the small particles are crushed out, a smooth, even mixture is obtained. From this large tank the material is discharged on a heated brick floor, from which, when sufficiently dry, it is removed by cars up an incline to the top of the kilns, where, after being pressed into bricks by means of a steam brick machine, it is placed in the kilns and burnt into a clinker of a dark green color. It then goes into the top floor of the mill and descends through crackers and French burr mills into the barrels at the packers, which when coopered are placed in the store shed for shipment at the dock. As the cement made by this process must be of a uniform and unvarying quality, and the materials being combined to secure the highest test cement, this fact alone will give it a preference over imported cements, which, from the varying character of the clay used, must produce a like character of cement, as is found by all large consumers who use testing apparatus. It was the experience of General Schuyler Hamilton, U. S. A., while employed as engineer in the Dock Department, that of the samples of foreign cements offered the department by importers but few would stand much over half the required government test.

The National Portland Cement Company intend manufacturing their cement in quantities to supply the trade as fast as required, and by means of their facilities for manufacturing, shipping, &c., can compete in price with the world.

The telescopic spar torpedo, a model of which was submitted recently by one of the laboratory artisans named Griffiths, was tried in the Thames on the 9th inst., with a roughly constructed apparatus but on the full scale. The spectators, who were taken out into the stream in a steam launch, saw only a couple of poles, each about 30 ft. in length, lying upon the deck, one upon the other, with a red disc at the extremity to represent a charge of gun-cotton, and the other end made fast a little astern of midships. The practice consisted of taking aim at the floating buoys in the river as the launch steamed past at full speed, and simple as the affair looked the effect was remarkable. Steering within a calculated distance of about 50 ft. the torpedo was cast overboard, when the tide and the motion of the vessel carried it out to arm's length, and at the same time caused the upper spar to stretch out in telescopic fashion, carrying the torpedo head completely under the object attacked. It was the opinion of all who witnessed the experiments that the invention was both clever and valuable, capable of rendering useful service even in the hands of an unpracticed crew, and certainly to be preferred to the ordinary spar torpedo suspended over the bows of a vessel attacking and on, and risking its own destruction.

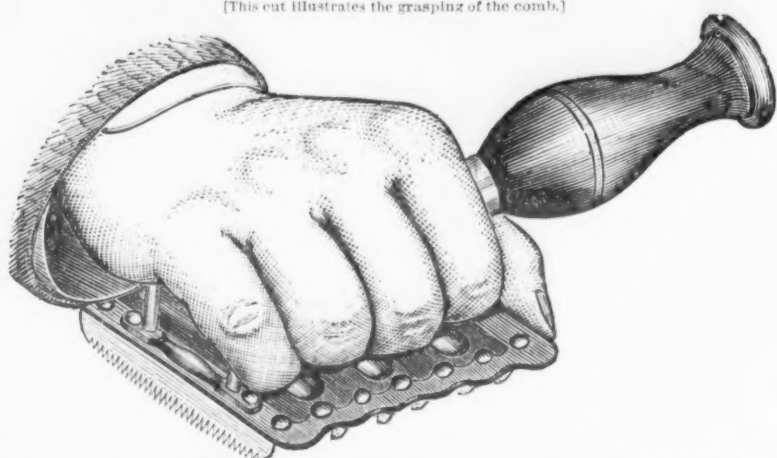
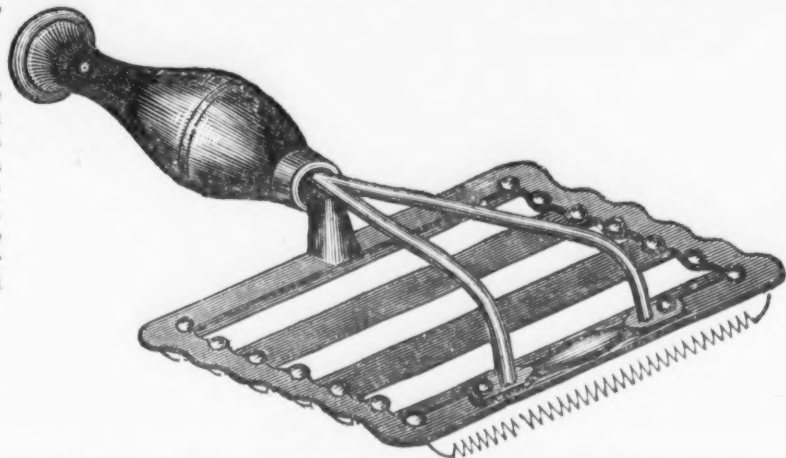
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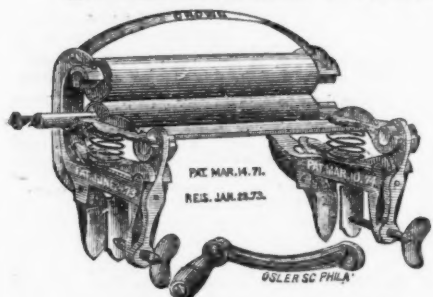
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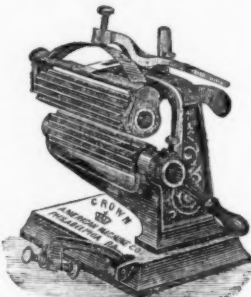
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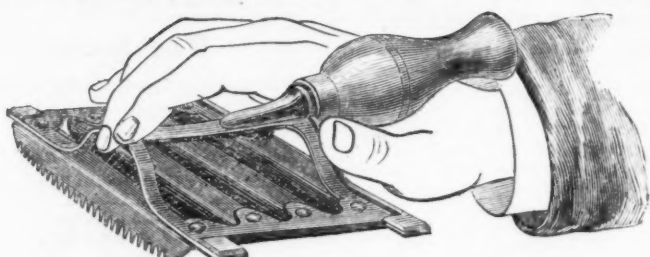


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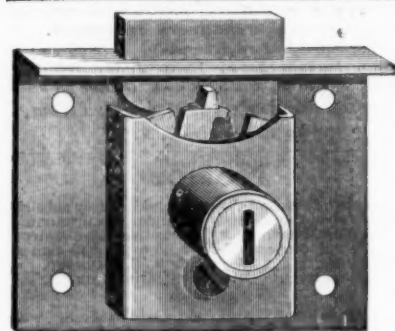
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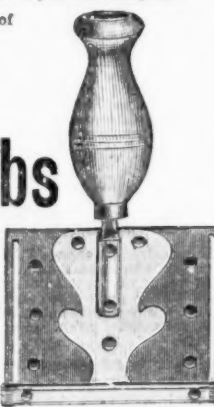
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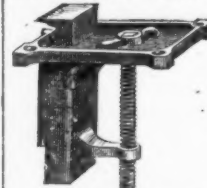
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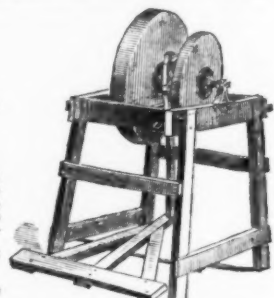
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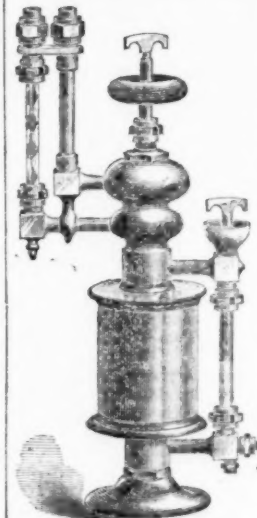
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This invention is secured by Letters Patent of the United States dated September 26, 1871, and April 4, 1877.

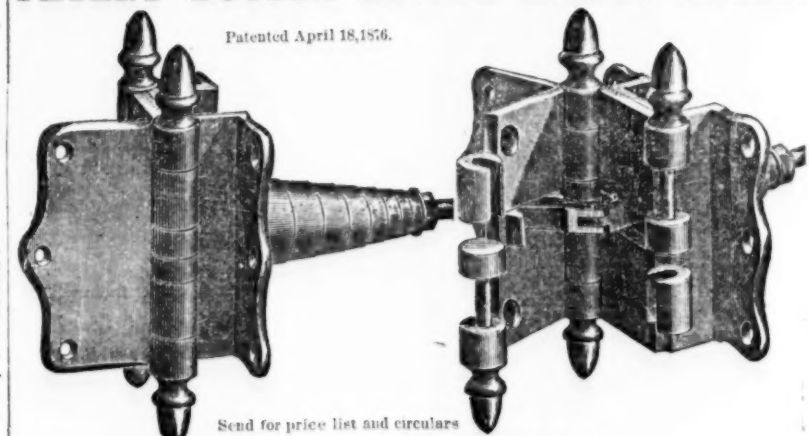
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WM. O. DOUGLAS,
Birmingham, N. Y.

Trade Report.

Office of THE IRON AGE,
WEDNESDAY EVENING, Sept. 19, 1877.
The past week has been one of comparative quiet in the financial markets. Advices regarding the state of general trade are full of encouragement, and the feeling in business circles grows better every day. With an increased demand for money in legitimate business transactions the market has become firmer. Early in the week the rate for borrowers on call advanced to 5 @ 6 per cent., but subsequently declined to 4 @ 5 per cent. The rate on prime business paper has been firm at 6 @ 7 per cent.

The gold market has been depressed, and the premium has touched one point under 103, corresponding with the quotation of January 26, 1862. We give below a table showing the daily range of the fluctuations:

	Highest.	Lowest.
Thursday	103 1/4	102 3/4
Friday	103 1/4	102 3/4
Saturday	103 1/4	102 3/4
Sunday	103 1/4	102 3/4
Tuesday	103 1/4	102 3/4
Wednesday	103 1/4	102 3/4

Government bonds have been fairly active, but at lower prices, owing to the decline in gold. State bonds are quiet and strong; Railway mortgages strong but somewhat irregular.

The stock market has been feverish and unsettled, and especially weak for coal stocks. The principal dealings have been in Lake Shore, D. L. & W., Michigan Central, Western Union, St. Paul and Northwest. We give below the closing quotations of active shares:

The weekly statement of the New York banks shows a further loss in legal tenders and a large liquidation on deposits, the former being decreased \$1,258,000 and the latter \$1,997,700. The changes in the other items are slight, the circulation being up \$870,000 and the loans down \$125,800 and the specie \$45,600. The feature of the statement is the decrease in legal tenders and deposits, the natural result of continued shipments of currency to the interior to move the crops. The loss in deposits is larger than warranted by the other changes in the statement, and certainly indicates that in addition to legal tenders considerable amounts of national bank notes have been sent away. The result on the total reserve is a decrease of \$1,306,600, and on the surplus reserve of \$808,675. The excess of reserve above legal requirements is reduced to \$11,813,300, against \$23,077,775 this time last year, a difference that is to be regretted, for the reason that the banks will be called upon in the future for large amounts of currency to move the unusually large crops of grain, cotton and other products which the country has this year raised.

The movements in foreign trade for the week are shown in the following tables:

	Sept. 8.	Sept. 15.	Differences.
Loans	\$243,920,800	\$243,795,000	\$125,800
Specie	10,961,600	10,913,000	48,600
Legal tenders	45,393,900	44,045,900	1,348,000
Deposits	219,744,100	208,582,400	11,161,700
Circulation	15,568,400	15,577,100	8,700

For week ended Sept. 15:

	1875.	1876.	1877.
Total for week	\$4,762,468	\$5,001,875	\$6,337,687
Prev. reported	\$45,857,919	\$46,003,603	\$31,484,337

Since Jan. 1, 1877, \$251,620,387 \$200,005,477 \$237,801,924
Included in figures of general merchandise were articles valued as follows:

	Quantity.	Value.
Arms	100	\$618
Brass goods	22	3,361
Bronzes	30	6,702
Chains and Anchors	21	1,205
Copper	90	50
Cutlery	25,662	1,022
Gas fixtures	73	1,022
Guns	21	5,870
Hardware	22	1,878
Iron, pig, tons	100	1,534
Iron, sheet, tons	100	1,534
Iron, cotton ties	142	555
Iron tubes	350	373
Iron ore, tons	950	1,817
Lead, pigs	15,238	40,024
Lead goods	6,934	21,358
Nails	22	677
Needles	9	3,042
Old metal	1	1,076
Plated ware	1	2,104
Per caps	3	370
Saddlery	9	1,124
Steel	1,029	14,458
Silverware	6	1,075
Tin, bxs.	34,397	180,317
Tin, 3,087 slabs	305,216	30,874
Wire	437	3,875
Zinc	50,204	2,657

EXPORTS, EXCLUSIVE OF SPECIE.

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Prev. reported	\$177,888,970	\$186,066,093	\$205,751,821

Total since Jan. 1, 1877, \$22,431,446

Same time in 1876, 40,266,445

Same time in 1875, 64,592,829

Same time in 1874, 41,839,443

Same time in 1873, 40,266,445

Same time in 1872, 57,252,820

Government bonds at the close were quoted as follows:

	Bid.	Asked.
U. S. Currency 6's	102 1/4	102 3/4
U. S. 6's 1881 registered	102 1/4	102 3/4
U. S. 6's 1881 coupon	102 1/4	102 3/4
U. S. 6's 1885 new reg.	102 1/4	102 3/4
U. S. 6's 1885 coupon	102 1/4	102 3/4
U. S. 6's 1887 reg.	102 1/4	102 3/4
U. S. 6's 1887 coupon	102 1/4	102 3/4
U. S. 6's 1888 reg.	102 1/4	102 3/4
U. S. 6's 1888 coupon	102 1/4	102 3/4
U. S. 10-40 reg.	102 1/4	102 3/4
U. S. 10-40 coupon	102 1/4	102 3/4
U. S. 8's 1881 registered	102 1/4	102 3/4
U. S. 8's 1881 coupon	102 1/4	102 3/4
U. S. 4 1/2's 1891 registered	102 1/4	102 3/4
U. S. 4 1/2's 1891 coupon	102 1/4	102 3/4
U. S. 4's 1897 registered	102 1/4	102 3/4

Following are the closing quotations of active shares:

	Bid.	Asked.
Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph	20	21
Chicago and Northwest	36	37
Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific	102 1/4	102 3/4
Chicago, Bar. and Quincy	102 1/4	102 3/4
Col. Chic. and Ind. Cent.	4	5
Clev. Col. and Ind.	40 1/2	41
Cleveland and Pittsburgh	82 1/2	83
Chicago and Alton	85 1/2	86
Consolidation Coal	103	104
Canton	21	22
Delaware, Lack. and Western	52 1/2	53
Delaware and Hudson	49	50
Express-Adams	99 1/2	100
" American	51	52
" United States	47 1/2	48
Wells, Fargo & Co.	83 1/2	84

Erie	11 1/4	11 1/2
Harlem	14 1/4	14 1/2
Hannibal and St. Joseph	31	31 1/2
Illinois Central	70 1/2	71
Lake Shore	64 1/2	65
Michigan Central	60 1/2	61
Morris and Essex	77 1/2	78
Milwaukee and St. Paul	36 1/2	37
Mariposa	15 1/2	16
New York Central	102 1/2	103
New Jersey Central	17 1/2	18
New Jersey Southern	7 1/2	8
Ohio and Mississippi	23 1/2	24
Pacific Mail	23 1/2	24
Panama	11 1/2	12
Pittsburgh and Fort Wayne	19 1/2	20
Quicksilver	19 1/2	20
St. Louis Kansas City Northern	4 1/2	5
Toledo, Wabash and Western	24 1/2	25
Union Pacific	13 1/2	14
Western Union Telegraph	59 1/2	60
* Ex dividend.	81 1/2	82

MINING STOCKS.

Mr. Ogden Haight, No. 65 Wall street, sends us the following report of the business of the New York Mining Stock Exchange for the week ending Sept. 19:

	Closing Quotations, in Currency.	Shares Sold.
Alpha	74.00	400
Belcher	6.87 1/2	53,300
Bertha & Edith	95	100
Best & Belcher	10.75	100
Bullion	8.75	100
Bobtail	2.25	100
Caledonia	4.37 1/2	100
California	30.00	300
Chollar Potosi	38.50	1,200
Cleveland	6.25	1,200
Consolidated Imperial	3.12 1/2	300
Consolidated Virginia	35.25	700
Confidence	5.25	700
Crown Point	4.00	100
Eureka	53.87 1/2	300
Eschscholtz	9.62 1/2	100
Gould & Curry	9.62 1/2	100
Hale & Norcross	6.87 1/2	100
Hulk	3.37 1/2	750
Julia Consolidated	2.75	400
Justice	16.75	1,600
Kentuck	6.37 1/2	1,600
Lacrosse	32	1,200
Leopard	1.87 1/2	300
Merrimac	5.00	150
Mexican	11.00	300
Moose	5.75	15,900
New York and Colorado	1.00	610
Northern Belle	19.75	300
Ontario	21.62 1/2	300
Ophir	18.12 1/2	900
Overman	26.37 1/2	400
Raymond & Ely	14.62 1/2	400
Savage	8.00	800
Seaton	7.8	700
Segregated Belcher	42.87 1/2	100
Sierra Nevada	5.00	100
Union Consolidated	6.00	200
Yellow Jacket	10.75	200

The largest number of transactions "officially" reported during the past week were in Bertha and Edith, aggregating over 50,000 shares. This company owns some 645 acres of property in Goochland county, Virginia, overlaid in part by auriferous gravel or "placer" deposits, which are now being worked by hydraulic apparatus as in California. Fifteen men are employed. About 1,500 cubic yards can be washed per day with the present apparatus. As high as \$6 per cubic yard has been taken out. We think that this company has made a mistake in capitalizing their property at as high a figure as \$3,500,000, and that it will be difficult for them to pay dividends upon so large an amount. The price ranged from \$1.25 to 95c. per share, closing at the latter figure.

Moose, after selling at 5 1/2 early in the week, closes at 5 1/4, with sales of 16,000 shares nearly. Lacrosse opened at 33c., dropped to 29c. on Monday, and closed at 32c. New York and Colorado closes at \$1, sales of 610 shares.

GENERAL HARDWARE.

The volume of business seems to be entirely satisfactory to the trade here. During the week very little has transpired that is worthy of mention; values continue in the same condition as previously reported, those lines in which demoralization existed showing no sign of recovery. In Foreign Hardware the market continues active, and nearly all the importing houses are fairly employed.

The demand for Nails is steadily improving, and we have to report a firmer tone to the market, with light and in some cases badly assorted stocks. We hear from Wheeling reports of a bad break in the price of Nails, the particulars of which will be found in our Pittsburgh correspondence, but so far this market is unaffected thereby. We continue to quote rod, \$2.50, net, with an allowance of 10 cents per keg for 200-keg lots.

The demand for Deep and Common Stamped Tin Ware is active, and the recently established prices, viz., discount 45 per cent. for Deep and 35 per cent. for Common are, we are informed, strictly adhered to. The Lalanc & Grosjean Mfg. Co. have adopted a net list for their Plainished Tin Ware and some other miscellaneous goods which do not come under the classification of the Tin Ware Manufacturers' Association; they have also completed their assortment of Agate Ware, and are in a position to fill orders for the full line of these goods. The enamel on this ware is very handsome, and its purity and freedom from any injurious ingredient is absolutely guaranteed, and is vouched for after the most exhaustive analysis by several of the leading chemists in the country. This ware is quoted at discount 25 per cent. from list.

The Metal Manufacturing Company, of St. Louis, show in their advertisement on the 3d page a handsome cut of their Stone Iron Ware Pan, to which we invite attention. In addition to their assortment of Enamelled Iron Ware they manufacture a large line of Pieced, Stamped and Japanned Tin Ware, Druggists and Grocers' Cansisters, Oil Tanks, Shipping Cans and kindred goods.

C. E. Jennings & Co., No. 98 Chambers street, have been appointed sole agents for Smith, Collins & Kempton, manufacturers of Smith's Patent Mining Knife. The entire production of these goods will in future be sold by their agents.

P. & F. Corbin have issued the following memorandum of changes in prices of some of their goods:

Attach to Price Book No. 8.

Office of P. & F. Corbin, 1 New Britain Court, Sept. 15, 1877.

GENTS: We have this day made the following changes in our prices, referring to our Price Book No. 8, viz.

Page 1 and 2, Wrought Brass Butt Hinges, No. 2, Bronze and Plated Butt Hinges, No. 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, 82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94, 96, 98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 146, 148, 150, 152, 154, 156, 158, 160, 162, 164, 166, 168, 170, 172, 174, 176, 178, 180, 182, 184, 186, 188, 190, 192, 194, 196, 198, 200, 202, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, 214, 216, 218, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 262, 264, 266, 268, 270, 272, 274, 276, 278, 280, 282, 284, 286, 288, 290, 292, 294, 296, 298, 300, 302, 304, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 338, 340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350, 352, 354, 356, 358, 360, 362, 364, 366, 368, 370, 372, 374, 376, 378, 380, 382, 384, 386, 388, 390, 392, 394, 396, 398, 400, 402, 404, 406, 408, 410, 412, 414, 416, 418, 420, 422, 424, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 438, 440, 442, 444, 446, 448, 450, 452, 454, 456, 458, 460, 462, 464, 466, 468, 470, 472, 474, 476, 478, 480, 482, 484, 486, 488, 490, 492, 494, 496, 498, 500, 502, 504, 506, 508, 510, 512, 514, 516, 518, 520, 522, 524, 526, 528, 530, 532, 534, 536, 538, 540, 542, 544, 546, 548, 550, 552, 554, 556, 558, 560, 562, 564, 566, 568, 570, 572, 574, 576, 578, 580, 582, 584, 586, 588, 590, 592, 594, 596, 598, 600, 602, 604, 606, 608, 610, 612, 614, 616, 618, 620, 622, 624, 626, 628, 630, 632, 634, 636, 638, 640, 642, 644, 646, 648, 650, 652, 654, 656, 658, 660, 662, 664, 666, 668, 670, 672, 674, 676, 678, 680, 682, 684, 686, 688, 690, 692, 694, 696, 698, 700, 702, 704, 706, 708, 710, 712, 714, 716, 718, 720, 722, 724, 726, 728, 730, 732, 734, 736, 738, 740, 742, 744, 746, 748, 750, 752, 754, 756, 758, 760, 762, 764, 766, 768, 770, 772, 774, 776, 778, 780, 782, 784, 786, 788, 790, 792, 794, 796, 798, 800, 802, 804, 806, 808, 810, 812, 814, 816, 818, 820, 822, 824, 826, 828, 830, 832, 834, 836, 838, 840, 842, 844, 846, 848, 850, 852, 854, 856, 858, 860, 862, 864, 866, 868, 870, 872, 874, 876, 878, 880, 882, 884, 886, 888, 890, 892, 894, 896, 898, 900, 902, 904, 906, 908, 910, 912, 914, 916, 918, 920, 922, 924, 926, 928, 930, 932, 934, 936, 938, 940, 942, 944, 946, 948, 950, 952, 954, 956, 958, 960, 962, 964, 966, 968, 970, 972, 974, 976, 978, 980, 982, 984, 986, 988, 990, 992, 994, 996, 998, 1000, 1002, 1004, 1006, 1008, 1010, 1012, 1014, 1016, 1018, 1020, 1022, 1024, 1026, 1028, 1030, 1032, 1034, 1036, 1038, 1040, 1042, 1044, 1046, 1048, 1050, 1052, 1054, 1056, 1058, 1060, 1062, 1064, 1066, 1068, 1070, 1072, 1074, 1076, 1078, 1080, 1082, 1084, 1086, 1088, 1090, 1092, 1094, 1096, 1098, 1100, 1102, 1104, 1106, 1108, 1110, 1112, 1114, 1116, 1118, 1120, 1122, 1124, 1126, 1128, 1130, 1132, 1134, 1136, 1138, 1140, 1142, 1144, 1146, 1148, 1150, 1152, 1154, 1156, 1158, 1160, 1162, 1164, 1166, 1168, 1170, 1172, 1174, 1176, 1178, 1180, 1182, 1184, 1186, 1188, 1190, 1192, 1194, 1196, 1198, 1200, 1202, 1204, 1206, 1208, 1210, 1212, 1214, 1216, 1218, 1220, 1222, 1224, 1226, 1228, 1230, 1232, 1234, 1236, 1238, 1240, 1242, 1244, 1246, 1248, 1250, 1252, 1254, 1256, 1258, 1260, 1262, 1264, 1266, 1268, 1270, 1272, 1274, 1276, 1278, 1280, 1282, 1284, 1286, 1288, 1290, 1292, 1294, 1296, 1298, 1300, 1302, 1304, 1306, 1308, 1310, 1312, 1314, 1316, 1318, 1320, 1322, 1324, 1326, 1328, 1330, 1332, 1334, 1336, 1338, 1340, 1342, 1344, 1346, 1348, 1350, 1352, 1354, 1356, 1358, 1360, 1362,

EXPORTS

Of Hardware, Iron, Machinery, Metals, &c., from the Port of New York, for the Week ending Sept. 18, 1877:

Hamburg.	Quant.	Value.	Glasgow.	Quant.	Value.
Hdw., cs., 179	8,751		Mach'y, cs., 179	8,751	
Sew. mach., cs., 40	2,213		Ag. imp., pgs., 1	76	
Ag. imp., pgs., 40	4,378		Clocks, bxs., 468	6,595	
Spelter, slabs, 164	4,073		Hdw., cs., 2	109	
W. shade fls., cs., 9	823		C'ge int., pgs., 3	94	
Lamps, pgs., 1	185				
Pumps, pgs., 18	900				
Bolting, cs., 7	2,523				
C'ge int., pgs., 12	492				
Mach'y, cs., 23	2,077				
C'ge int., pgs., 19	2,000				
Gas fls., cs., 7	42				
Mf. iron, pgs., 21	49				
Clocks, bxs., 10	1,113				
Wringers, cs., 69	3,300				
Bremen.	Quant.	Value.		Quant.	Value.
Hdw., cs., 18	404				
Pumps, pgs., 7	350				
Tinware, pgs., 4	162				
Ag. imp., pgs., 7	320				
Wheels, cs., 21	100				
Pl'td ware, cs., 4	200				
Lamps, cs., 7	450				
Vent'ors, case, 1	150				
Mach'y, case, 1	150				
Antwerp.	Quant.	Value.		Quant.	Value.
Hdw., cs., 1	250				
Sew. mach., cs., 101	1,040				
Mach'y, pgs., 4	2,500				
Rotterdam.	Quant.	Value.		Quant.	Value.
Pumps, pgs., 27	1,600				
Copper, pgs., 73	2,050				
Plum. mls., cs., 4	318				
Mf. iron, pgs., 3	200				
Ag. imp., pgs., 3	200				
Hdw., cs., 23	1,203				
Mach'y, cs., 3	200				
Liverpool.	Quant.	Value.		Quant.	Value.
Saws, pgs., 1	500				
Sew. mach., cs., 14	254				
Ag. imp., pgs., 21	75				
Bolting, cs., 2	264				
Wires, pgs., 1	125				
Lp'd ds., pgs., 26	600				
Clocks, bxs., 717	14,435				
Hdw., cs., 22	2,130				
Pl'td ware, cs., 2	154				
C'ge mls., pgs., 14	440				
Plum. mls., pgs., 9	440				
Plu. mls., pgs., 6	7,547				
Plu. mls., pgs., 4	350				
London.	Quant.	Value.		Quant.	Value.
Clocks, bxs., 556	8,108				
Sew. mach., cs., 470	7,821				
C'ge mls., pgs., 54	2,420				
Cuba.	Quant.	Value.		Quant.	Value.
Iron plates, cs., 47	313				
Cutlery, bxs., 3	37				
Coal, tons, 397	1,864				
Sew. mach., cs., 21	450				
Mach'y, cs., 105	27,513				
Hdw., cs., 8	1,878				
Plu. mls., pgs., 9	1,878				
Mf. iron, pgs., 21	1,878				
Pumps, pgs., 8	450				
Brass tubes, cs., 3	373				
R. R. bars, cs., 1201	3,410				
R. R. mls., pgs., 66	6,289				
Argentine Republic.	Quant.	Value.		Quant.	Value.
Pl'td ware, cs., 1	70				
Hdw., cs., 258	4,957				
Ag. imp., pgs., 126	1,480				
C'ge int., pgs., 5	100				
Mf. iron, pgs., 12	1,864				
Vent'ors, pgs., 2	75				
Lamps, pgs., 22	1,167				
Cutlery, pgs., 20	1,167				
Sew. mach., cs., 14	1,440				
Danish West Indies.	Quant.	Value.		Quant.	Value.
Nails, kegs., 104	313				
Tinware, bxs., 9	138				
Hdw., cs., 115	1,412				
Clocks, cs., 12	191				
Lp'd ds., pgs., 40	633				
Pl'td ware, cs., 4	120				
Pumps, pgs., 2	77				
Arms, case, 1	79				
Canada.	Quant.	Value.		Quant.	Value.
Lamps, pgs., 3	132				
British Australia.	Quant.	Value.		Quant.	Value.
Nails, kegs., 420	1,270				
Clocks, cs., 383	6,124				
Tin, cs., 6	40				
Pl'td ware, cs., 4	648				
Am. mls., cs., 1	102				
Pumps, pgs., 12	612				
Burners, cs., 21	751				
C'ge mls., pgs., 149	4,059				
Ag. imp., pgs., 93	2,913				
Lamps, cs., 8	250				
Mach'y, cs., 133	5,550				
Sew. mach., cs., 34	8,553				
Gas fls., pgs., 14	3,804				
Mf. iron, pgs., 624	3,185				
Wringers, cs., 20	531				
Cutlery, cs., 4	453				
Hdw., pgs., 1,051	3,185				
Bolting, bxs., 4	465				
Alexandria.	Quant.	Value.		Quant.	Value.
Clocks, bxs., 10	220				
Hull.	Quant.	Value.		Quant.	Value.
Brass g'ds, bxs., 2	250				
Clocks, bxs., 68	784				
Car wheels, cs., 28	147				
Mach'y, cs., 4	3,043				

IMPORTS

Of Hardware, Iron, Steel and Metals into the Port of New York, for the Week ending Sept. 18, 1877:

Hardware.	Quant.	Value.	Steel.	Quant.	Value.
Baker Hermann & Co.			Cutlery, cs., 2	9	
Brazers, cs., 2			Cases, 8		
Cutlery, cs., 2	9		Files, cs., 3		
Cases, 8			Brookhalse Wm.		
Files, cs., 3			Cutlery, cs., 1		
Brookhalse Wm.			Friedmann & Lauter-		
Cutlery, cs., 1			June.		
Friedmann & Lauter-			Cases, 3		
June.			Howard, Sanger & Co.		
Cases, 3			Cases, 7		
Howard, Sanger & Co.			Harrison Bros. & How-		
Cases, 7			son.		
Harrison Bros. & How-			Cutlery, cs., 3		
son.			Laszka A. D.		
Cutlery, cs., 3			Revolvers, cs., 1		
Laszka A. D.			Moore's J. F. Sons,		
Revolvers, cs., 1			Mdse., cs., 1		
Moore's J. F. Sons,			Gun wads, cs., 2		
Mdse., cs., 1			Mason J. W. & Co.		
Gun wads, cs., 2			Wire rope, coils, 18		
Mason J. W. & Co.			McCoy & Co.		
Wire rope, coils, 18			Cases, 8		
McCoy & Co.			Mdse., pgs., 17		
Cases, 8			Morris L. W.		
Mdse., pgs., 17			Cutlery, cs., 1		
Morris L. W.			Nichols & Lefever,		
Cutlery, cs., 1			Arms, cs., 2		
Nichols & Lefever,			Siegmund Bros.		
Arms, cs., 2			Cases, 2		
Siegmund Bros.			Schoverling & Daly,		
Cases, 2			Arms, cs., 11		
Schoverling & Daly,			Tomes F. & Co.		
Arms, cs., 11			Case, 1		
Tomes F. & Co.			Wiebusch & Hilger Hdw.		
Case, 1			Co.		
Wiebusch & Hilger Hdw.			Hdw. cutlery & razor		
Co.			houses, pgs., 31		
Hdw. cutlery & razor			Wright Peter & Son,		
houses, pgs., 31			Gun barrels, cs., 1		
Wright Peter & Son,			Order.		
Gun barrels, cs., 1			Cartridge cases, 6		
Order.			Cases, 1		
Cartridge cases, 6			Wire rope, coils, 1		
Cases, 1					
Wire rope, coils, 1					
Iron.	Quant.	Value.		Quant.	Value.
Burlett & Pond,					
Scrap, chains, 2					
Scrap, chains, 2					
Brown A. S.					
Scrap, tons, 18					
Henderson Bros.					
Pie, tons, 53					
Hamlin J. H. & Sons,					
Scrap, tons, 30					
Naylor & Co.					
Bars, 243					
Panama R. R. Co.					
Scrap railroad, tons,					
695					

COAL.

The condition of the Coal trade has undergone very little change since our last issue. The warm weather has kept buyers out of the market to some extent, and prices have not advanced as was anticipated by some, quotations being the same as last week. Those who have Coal have all that they can do, and it is reported that the Philadelphia and Reading have more orders than they can fill. More Coal is coming to market this week than last, and from many of the regions there is a considerable excess of this year's production over last. The uneasiness among the men seems to be increasing; the operators are as a general thing reported firm. In speaking of the prospect for the season Mr. Savard says: "The Lehigh region have adjusted their difficulties, and are paying on a 'basis,' September wages being 12½ per cent. over the rate for July. Consumers and all concerned should bear in mind that September is usually one of the months of the year in which the heaviest Coal tonnages are forwarded, and the present output being much less than usual, there is not the opportunity for the reduction in price to anything like the figures ruling before the July riots."

OLD METALS, PAPER STOCK, &c.

We have no perceptible improvement to report in the condition of the Old Metal market. There has been a slight call for Cast Iron, but other stocks are in little request. Copper, Brass, Composition and Lead are all in a weak condition, and prices favor buyers. Wrought Iron is in moderate demand and is selling at reduced figures. Rags and Paper stock continue dull and declining, and the market is weak at our quotations.

The purchasing prices offered by dealers for Old Metals are as follows:

	Quant.	Value.		Quant.	Value.
Copper, heavy	10	10	Yellow Metal	10	10
Brass, heavy	10	10	Brass, light	10	10
Composition, heavy	10	10	Composition, light	10	10
Lead, solid	10	10	Lead, lead	10	10
Tin Lead	10	10	Zinc	10	10
Pewter, No. 1	10	10	Pewter, No. 2	10	10
Spelter	10	10	Wrought Iron	10	10
Light do.	10	10	Stove Plate	10	10
Machinery do.	10	10	Burned Iron	10	10
Canvas, Linen.	Quant.	Value.		Quant.	Value.
" Cotton, No. 1	10	10	" No. 2	10	10
White No. 1	10	10	White No. 2	10	10
Colored do.	10	10	Mixed Woolen	10	10
Soft do.	10	10	Gunny Bagging	10	10
Gunny Bagging	10	10	Jute Butte	10	10
Kentucky Bagging	10	10	Book Stock	10	10
Newspaper Stock	10	10	Waste Paper and Scraps	10	10
Kentucky Bale Rope	10	10	Cum. Junk, No. 1	10	10
Cum. Junk, No. 2	10	10	Tarred Shaking	10	10
Grass Rope	10	10			

PHILADELPHIA.

Office of The Iron Age, 220 South Fourth St., Philadelphia, September 18, 1877.

The condition of business continues to improve slowly but steadily, and the confident feeling in regard to the future is general in all departments of trade. In some branches there is a fair degree of activity already, but as a rule anticipation is more general than reality. There are many branches connected with the Iron interests that are still greatly depressed, while others are beginning to realize a decided improvement, and it is doubtless simply only a question of time when it will pervade other departments as well as those already benefited.

After looking carefully over the condition of the Iron trade, we think it will be found that its position is much stronger than might be supposed after such a protracted depression. Some of the leading features are indicated under the various articles reported below, but in a general way the outlook is very favorable, and if any increase in the demand should come soon, buyers will find themselves at a considerable disadvantage. Almost every article on the list is scarce and prices gradually hardening, and all that is needed to secure a sharp advance is just to set the ball in motion. It may be some time yet before the first impulse is felt, but when that time arrives there will be plenty of trade.

Pig Iron.—The market is in a very unsettled condition, and it is a difficult matter to report it with exactness. Opinions are so varied and statements so contradictory that it might be supposed the market was both strong and active and at the same time dull and depressed, and in some degree this is the case. Good brands of Foundry Iron are selling very freely at full prices; that is, there are numerous orders for small lots, quick delivery, and to such an extent that the furnaces are sold close up and are barely able to supply the demand. On the other hand, there are no buyers for large lots, from which it is inferred that consumers have no important orders on hand, and that the present activity is only temporary. This may or may not be true, but it is probable that the movement may gradually develop into a larger business. There is nothing certain about it, however, and the most experienced men in the trade express their entire inability to form any definite opinion in regard to the future, although as a rule the indications are regarded as being favorable. Besides the difficulty of placing large lots, we may state that in several instances within our own knowledge, buyers who made contracts for delivery during the fall, find themselves unable to take the Iron as agreed upon, giving as a reason that they cannot find a market. From this it will be seen that there is a good deal of uncertainty in regard to the future, which may be dissipated, however, as the season advances.

The statistical position of the trade seems to be good, and, carefully considered, shows a better state of affairs than is generally supposed to exist. From the fact that only about one third of the furnaces are being operated, it might be inferred that the consumptive demand was only equal to about one-third of the capacity for production. This is certainly an error. In the first place, it will not doubt be shown that the 675,000 tons stock on hand at the close of 1876 was largely drawn upon, in which event the actual consumption has been to that extent in excess of production. Then the idle furnaces, numbering two-thirds of the whole, do not by any means represent a capacity to increase production in that proportion. In point of fact, we think it will be shown that a full half of the total productive capacity of the country has been utilized during the current year and the consumption at least 60 per cent. of the total capacity. An addition of probably 15 to 20 per cent. might be made to production in competition with the furnaces now in operation, but the balance being of small capacity and expensive to operate, or badly located, are practically out of the market. It must also be remembered that even the largest and best furnaces cannot always be in operation, accidents and repairs and various contingencies have to be provided for, so that when consumption has to be met by actual production, it will be found the capacity is not so disproportionate as is generally supposed.

In the meantime, buyers are quite apathetic, and the general condition of business much the same as last week. We notice a considerable scarcity of Old Rails, which if continued may have an important effect on the market for Pig Metal. We quote prices as before, with a few sales in round lots at inside figures and numerous small lots at the outside rates: No. 1 Foundry, \$18 to \$19; No. 2 Foundry, \$17 to \$17.50; Gray Forge, \$16.50, with special brands held at \$1 to \$1.50 per ton more. We also note a sale of 700 tons Mottled Iron at \$14.20 at furnace.

Flat and Tank Iron.—There is a somewhat better demand in a small way, but no orders for large lots are reported. There are the usual complaints of the business being unprofitable, and a slight tendency toward higher prices. Buyers for round lots, however, are anxiously sought after, but there is no disposition to take hold in advance of requirements. We quote the market quiet and steady at late rates, as follows: Ship Plates, 2.37½ to 2.50; Tank Iron, 2½ to 2¾; Shell Iron, 3c; Flange Iron, 4c to 4½c, and Best Bloom, 5½c to 6c.

Sheet Iron.—The demand throughout the week past has been unusually satisfactory, and orders are now of a more important character than for a long time past. The movement appears to be based upon actual requirements, and, as was indicated in our last week's report, the mills are realizing the full benefit of an active demand. The natural result of a better trade is seen in prices, which are strong, with an upward tendency. We continue our last week's quotations, which, however, are only for large quantities, and ½c to ¾c additional is obtained for small lots. Refined Sheet Iron, No. 26 to 28, 3¼c; No. 22 to 24, 3½c; No. 16 to 21, 3¾c; Best Bloom Sheets, No. 26 to 28, 5½c; No. 22 to 24, 5¾c; No. 16 to 21, 5c; Common Red Plates, 5-16 to 18, 2½c to 2¾c; Refined Plates or Blue Annealed, 5-16 to 18, 2½c; American R. G., 5-16 to 18, 3¼c; Best Bloom, 5-16 to 18, 5c; A. Patent Planished, 10c; Bloom Galvanized, 40 per cent.; Refined Galvanized, 50 per cent.

Bar Iron.—There are almost as many complaints as ever, both in regard to demand and price. Little or no improvement has been experienced in this branch of the Iron trade, but there is a better feeling in regard to the future, and it is expected that a change for the better will be realized in common with other departments of business. Some quite large orders have been placed during the past few days for various specialties, chiefly in connection with bridge work, and as there are other inquiries, it is expected that some of the mills which were getting to the end of their contracts will again secure sufficient business to occupy them well on to the close of the year. The demand for Merchant Bar is very languid, however, and prices are as unsettled and irregular as ever, although strictly first-class brands are still held at full prices. We quote: Common Iron, 1.60c to 1.75c, and Best Refined, 2c to 2.10c.

Steel Rails.—Confirming our report of last week, we have to state that some large sales have been effected within the past few days. What the prices actually were it is difficult with absolute certainty to state, but they were undoubtedly the lowest that have ever been known. On good authority we have been informed that \$42 to \$43 was about an average, but it is believed these figures included delivery

has been in session at Glasgow for some days, Lord Hampton presiding. The principal papers read were by Mr. Scott Russell, on "The Boilers and Engines of our Future

partly washed away, so to speak, the damage in that neighborhood alone being estimated at about £100,000. In the North, the Midlands

Fleet," by Mr. Kirk, Glasgow, on "The Effect of Punching Iron and Steel Plates," by Mr. C. H. Haswell, of New York, "On Marine Boilers—their Design, Construction, Operation and Wear," by Mr. J. Melton, Surveyor to Lloyd's Register, "On the Strength of Boilers," and by Mr. Ravenhill, on "Twenty Minutes with our Commercial Steam Fleet in 1877." All the papers are published in *The Engineer* and other journals.

TRADES OF SHEFFIELD.

The principal theme of conversation just now in business circles is the action of the local coalowners, and the probability of its success or failure. The decision to give notice of a general reduction of the miners' wages was arrived at last week, at a well-attended meeting of the South Yorkshire and North Derbyshire Coalowners' Association (Limited), over which Mr. Robert Baxter presided. The reasons put forward for the proposal are the growing depression of trade and the present low selling prices, which are said to be out of proportion to the wages paid. If the masters persevere with their notices, I am informed the miners will of a certainty resist to the bitter end, on the ground that their wages are already down to nearly starvation limits, and that the pits are so overstocked with men that no matter how willing a collier may be, he cannot earn other than very moderate wages. On the other hand, the owners are now enabled to quote the precedent of the Staffordshire men's acceptance of a reduction, and to point out that that drop now renders it all the more necessary for them to persevere. What the issue may be is not known at this time, but it will be of much importance, as over 30,000 men are or will be affected thereby. The iron and steel manufacturers, and others whose consumption of fuel is heavy, are awaiting the result with some anxiety, seeing that many of them, dull as times are, could not bear a stoppage of coal supplies without disaster, while, on the other hand, they would count upon a reduction in price as a natural outcome of any drop in wages.

In the iron trade the week has brought no particular change, save that in several respects the pig iron market is not, and is not likely to be, as strong as it was a short time ago. With heavy stocks accumulating all over the kingdom, and no improvement in the call for finished iron, it is not possible to predicate any stiffening of pig prices just now. In the Leeds district, however, a demand for special brands has sprung up, in consequence of which it is stated that the Airedale Hematite Iron Company are about to blow in two of their large furnaces at Hunslet. From other parts of the district matters are reported dull by all the smelters.

For merchant iron there is literally no inquiry whatever, the business being done at purely nominal prices and only in respect of what are decidedly odd lots. Nail rods, a few lots of common bars, rounds and sheets comprise the sorts of common iron most in request, and in better sorts of edge-tool iron, bars for engineering purposes, good hoop iron and boiler plates only are meeting with any call, and that not a large one. In the Bessemer trade there is a moderate amount of business in hand at several of the leading establishments, that class of steel being in most request for forgings and in various rolled forms. There is a pretty good sale for Bessemer steel sheets and rods, a good deal of this material being now made use of by file, tool and other manufacturers instead of the cast steel, which was formerly exclusively worked up. Bessemer rail ends are extensively bought by wire drawers for rolling down and by cutlery manufacturers for cheap knives. In this connection I may state that I learn there is just now a capital demand for wire, both Bessemer and cast steel, for bridge building, telegraphic and colliery winding purposes. The lightness of steel relatively to iron causes it to be more and more in vogue for those appliances in which weight is of great moment. At the Dronfield Bessemer Steel Works the rail mill men have received notices of a reduction of 10 per cent. at the expiration of 14 days from Saturday last.

On Tuesday an attempt was made at Sheffield to sell the Charlton Iron Works, Sheffield, by auction, but there was no bidding when put up either in one or two lots. The works occupy an area of nearly seven acres, and comprise a blast furnace 52 feet high and another blast furnace 70 feet high, foundry, forges, rolling mills, 43 puddling furnaces, &c.

There is an upward movement in cutlery. Last week, I am told, Joseph Rodgers & Sons were "on full time," and several merchants exporting to the States assure me that there is a stronger demand than there.

THE "SHAW" KNIFE.

A dispute between George Wostenholme & Sons (Limited) and their workmen, once more turned up in the Sheffield County Court last week, or rather it turned up trebly, for there were three cases for the judge's decision. The plaintiffs were cutlery makers John Hensworth, William Winnell and William Wellwell, and their claims were precisely the same as on a former occasion by the last named, viz., that 9 6 a dozen was not a sufficient price for making the Shaw knife. The manager had told them they must either make it at that or go. The men refused, and as they had contracts sued for full wages. In these cases the judge has reserved his decision.

BIRMINGHAM AND STAFFORDSHIRE.

On the Birmingham 'change last Thursday there was a disposition to do more business, probably in consequence of the reduction of 2 per cent. in coal and the resulting disposition of the ironmasters to accept lower quotations. More orders for finished iron were booked than for some time past as soon as it became known that some of the leading producers had decided to reduce the list by 10 per cent. making best bars £8. 10s. The "marked iron" firms met in private on the same day, under the chairmanship of Mr. Fisher Smith (Earl Dudley's agent), Messrs. Barrows and other houses being represented. The result of the "caucus" was as indicated, and was announced by circulars to customers on Saturday. The week's mails from the colonies have been of moderate degree, the New Zealand and Australian letters bringing fairly good indents for galvanizing and other

sheets, fencing iron and general hardware, prominently those for domestic uses and for the cultivation of the rough bush lands of the interior. The hardware industries are rather better engaged. A local paper says: "Button makers are not busily engaged in any branch, and the season demand as regards ladies' buttons is finished. The pearl branch is considerably better, and the demand for shirt pearls has increased during the last few weeks. The jewelry trade is in the same depressed state as formerly reported, and until considerably after a revival takes place in commercial affairs generally, no improvement can be expected. One or two of the leading houses are busy on special orders, such as mayors' chains, silverware, &c. The fancy pencil trade is extremely quiet. The general brass foundry trade is fairly well off for orders, and inquiries for stair rods, cornice poles, &c., required for house furnishing are much more frequent. The tube and metal trades are quiet. The brass wire trade is, however, a little more active, which is possibly due in some measure to the absence from special causes of the late severe competition which has existed for some time past in this business. The chandelier trade is quiet, considering that the season orders should now be fairly to hand, but the ecclesiastical branch is better, some good orders having lately been received by our local firms." Many hardware are rather cheaper.

THE NEW SPANISH TARIFF.

The following table, compiled for Earl Derby by the secretary of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, shows the difference between the duties which will have to be paid by "favored" (2d column) and "unfavored" (1st column) nations. The United States belong to the latter:

	Francs per 100 kilos.	Francs per 100 kilos.
Iron, in pigs.....	2.50	2.31
Iron tubes, in cast iron.....	4.70	4.12
Cast iron, in manufactured goods, such as hardware, hollow-ware.....	17.50	13.75
Railway bars (iron and steel).....	8.00	7.50
Sheet iron.....	9.00	8.10
Bars and thin sheet iron.....	13.00	10.50
Iron wire.....	8.00	7.30
Iron nails and screws.....	22.00	19.00
Iron tubes (drawn).....	13.00	18.00
Iron, in finer manufactures.....	27.50	25.50
Copper, in bars and ingots.....	32.50	19.00
Copper and brass, in sheets and nails.....	50.00	44.80
Copper wire.....	50.00	44.80
Brass tubes.....	50.00	32.00
Brass wire.....	50.00	35.00
All other metal goods not previously enumerated, being manufactured.....	37.50	15.50
Buttons of all kinds, not being of the prec. met. (per kilo).....	2.00	1.00
Cartridge cases.....	75.00	50.00
Cartridges (loaded).....	60.00	35.00
Percussion caps.....	175.00	100.00

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE.

Last week's coal exports from these ports were 120,000 tons, and the iron exports rather under 4000 tons. There is no particular change of importance to note in any branch of the iron or steel trade. The Scotch firm which has acquired an interest to the extent of £500,000 in the Plymouth Iron Works is said to be that of Morton & Co. The tin plate works are moderately employed, mostly on French, American and home orders. Prices are not very firm, but are moderately steady.

THE METAL MARKETS.

have been as quiet as before, with no great amount of business doing. The official closing reports of the London Metal Exchange for Friday (and consequently today's opening prices) are as follows: Copper steady. In Chili bars only a small business. Lots at £67. 15s. and picked brands at £68. 15s.; G. O. B. quoted £67. 10s. to £67. 15s.; Australian firm for spot parcels; Wallaroo, £80 to £81; Burra, £75; English tough, £73 to £74; select, £75 to £76; sheets, £79 to £80. Tin.—Small business in Straits at £65 and Australian at £63. 10s. to £63. 15s.; English ingots, £68. 10s. to £70. Scotch Pig Iron, 54/4½, cash. Lead more inquiry steady; English pig, £19. 17s. 6d. to £20. 5s.; soft Spanish, without silver, £19. 15s. Spelter, £19. 2s. 6d. to £19. 7s. 6d. for ordinary brands. Antimony, £48. Tin quiet; Straits, £65; Australian, £63. 10s.

Messrs. Von Dadelzen & North say: Copper continues dull and prices lower. Chili bars have been sold at from £68 to £67. 10s. cash, for G. O. B., and £68 to £69 for named brands. Very little doing in Australian; spot Wallaroo quoted £80 to £80. 10s. Fifty tons for delivery in three months said to have been sold at £78. Burra, spot, £75, and three months, £74. English easier; tough, £73 to £74; select, £74. 10s. to £75. 10s.; sheets, £79 to £80. Tin.—There was a little spurt early in the week, and £66 was paid for Straits and £64. 10s. for Australian. The market again declined to £65 for Straits and £63. 10s. for Australian, but closed rather firmer; £65. 10s. asked for Straits and £63. 15s. to £64 for Australian. The Dutch market is flat, quotations being 40s. for Banca and 38s. for Billiton. English, £68 to £69 for ingot and £69 to £70 for bars. Tin plates steady; 18s. to 18s. 6d. asked for coke. Lead dull; English pig, £19. 17s. 6d. to £20. 5s.; soft Spanish, £19. 15s. Spelter quiet; £19 to £19. 10s. for ordinary brands. Quicksilver.—The importer of Spanish has advanced his price to £9, but second-hand parcels have been selling under this. Antimony.—£48 to £49.

The Mining Journal remarks: "The unsatisfactory state of affairs generally, and the critical state of political affairs in particular, continue to exercise a very depressing influence over our markets, and the amount of business transacted for shipment, home consumption and speculation in all is extremely limited; but, considering the gravity of the situation, there is, perhaps, cause for congratulation that our markets on the whole are no worse. Our markets would very soon fall into a hopelessly stagnant condition were it not for the continual oscillations they undergo, and the renewed strength they acquire by each successful vibration."

Messrs. Kelly & Co., London, give the following *staccato* report: "Copper dull; Australian leads the market. The Indian famine is affecting copper adversely. Tin a degree briske, but almost without hopefulness. Tin plates rather firmer and somewhat more active. Lead firmer; stocks decreased; continental requirements greater. Spelter very slow and occasionally easier.

Quicksilver easier but not briske, and more violent fluctuations expected."

The latest Liverpool prices are:

Iron, f. o. b. in Liverpool, per ton.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Merchant bar.....	6 3	0 to 6 10
" " in Wales.....	5 15	0 to 6 0
Staffordshire.....	7 0	0 to 7 15
Hoop.....	7 10	0 to 8 10
Sheet.....	8 10	0 to 9 15
Nail rod.....	7 0	0 to 7 15
Bar, best crown.....	7 0	0 to 8 0
Boiler plates.....	9 0	0 to 10 0
Tin Plates, f. o. b. in Liverpool, per box.		
Charcoal, I. C.....	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Coke, I. C.....	1 3	6 to 1 4
Copper, delivered in Liverpool, per ton.		
Bolt and sheathing.....	82	0 to 0 0
Tile.....	75	0 to 0 0
Tough cake.....	76	0 to 0 0
Best selected.....	77	0 to 0 0

New Works of the Jacobus & Nimick Mfg. Company.

The new works of the above-named corporation, to replace the establishment recently destroyed by fire, are now under way, the contract being let some weeks ago. The factory will be located at Idlewild station, seven miles from Pittsburgh and about one mile from Mansfield. The main building, for the manufacture of locks, scales, coffee mills and miscellaneous hardware, is to be 320x40 feet, somewhat in the form of the letter E, with the engine house slightly detached representing the central arm. The iron foundry will be 175x40 feet and the brass foundry 70 feet square. A large fireproof vault for the safety of patterns, 40 feet square, will also be provided. The engine room will be furnished with a 100 horse-power engine with three boilers. The japanning room will be 40x50 feet. The machinery, we are informed, will all be new, and in this particular the latest improvements will be adopted. A department is also to be added for the manufacture of Berlin and Tucker (imitation) bronze goods. It is estimated that the works when completed will be capable of turning out over \$500,000 worth of goods annually, and when in full operation will employ five hundred hands. The directors of the P. C. & St. L. Railroad have been liberal in their encouragement to the company to locate at Idlewild station. The railroad company have laid a frog and switch, with a side track 600 feet long, for the convenience of loading and unloading freight. The office and warehouse of the company in Pittsburgh will be connected by telegraph with the works. The time of local trains from the Union Depot to Idlewild station is twenty-eight minutes, and from the city limits or Point Bridge, fifteen minutes. The contractor is J. F. Bruggeman, of Allegheny, who, for the sum of \$24,000 is to have the building completed by the first of November next, or forfeit heavily in case of failure. As the company saved their patterns at the time of the fire, they expect to be in a position to fill orders in a few weeks after the completion of the works. It is also their intention to add new lines of goods, among which will be a full line of real bronze hardware.

Arming the Spithead Forts.

After long delay and much consultation by the Heavy Gun Committee, the Spithead forts are now in course of receiving their armaments. The progress of these forts toward completion has been so deliberate that the whole science of gunnery has undergone a revolution in the meantime, and, in order to prevent them being pulverized from a distance, it has become imperative that they should be armed with guns of a superior nature to those which they were originally designed to carry. But while the circumstances have changed, the buildings remain the same, and the great difficulty which the military authorities have had to face has been the contrivance of some means of working the modern heavy ordnance in embrasures and casemates considerably too small for it. The difficulty threatened to be insuperable, as manual gear was out of the question; but, just in the nick of time, Mr. George W. Rendel perfected his hydraulic system of working heavy guns, and it was seen at once that an obedient and uniform power, which could load, run out, and pivot a gun within the cramped space of a turret was exactly what was wanted. The Elswick Company were accordingly, on the failure of the pneumatic appliance, invited to send in plans of their hydraulic gear, and having been accepted and applied, it has been found possible to mount the forts with 38-ton 12½-inch muzzle-loader guns. A preliminary trial was recently made, under the superintendence of Colonel C. W. Youngusband, the superintendent of the Royal Gun Factory and president of the Heavy Gun Committee, and Messrs. George and Stuart Rendel, of one of the two hydraulic carriages with which the Norman Fort has been provided. The 38-ton gun was loaded, and worked entirely by means of the hydraulic gear, and the mechanism was found to answer admirably. Four rounds were fired altogether, one with 80 lb. of powder, another with 110 lb., and two with 130 lb., which is the full battering charge of the gun. The shot in each case weighed 800 lb. After the trials the inventor made some adjustments of the machinery. It having, in consequence of the confined space within the casemates, been found difficult to load the gun from the front, it is by Mr. Rendel's system turned completely round and loaded from the rear, where there is ample room, and the men are thoroughly sheltered from splinters or bullets. These advantages are gained without any sacrifice of time, for the monster gun was turned to the loading position and back in a few seconds, and it is confidently expected that it can be fired at about the rate of 1½ minute per round. The application of the hydraulic system within the Spithead forts will secure an important economy in men, and thus prove a great relief to the garrison artillery.

The system of glazing used on the roof of the Royal Aquarium, London, consists of a series of zinc bars of pot-hook section, with a return bend, the bars being screwed on the purlins. The top is simply a pot-hook or

hanger section, and the bottom one of the same section reversed. The glass rests in the groove of the lower bars, and back groove of the intermediate and upper one, in which it has full vertical play. The panes of glass lap each other, and the theory is that no water can find its way inside the building covered by a roof glazed on this principle. The advantages of this system appear to be diminution of breakage of glass from vibration, and expansion and contraction, and other causes due to rigid fixing in the ordinary system, and the facility with which glass can be fixed or a damaged pane removed and replaced. The grooves carrying off water from the inside as well as from the outside is of course another advantage, for unless the roof be at a very flat angle indeed, water will not leave the glass but will run down into the outside groove. Condensed water and vapors are therefore thus well got rid of. This seems to be very much like a plan which has been in successful use in this country.

The United States is doing more toward feeding Europeans this year than during corresponding periods of last year, as will appear from the returns of shipments of fresh beef, butter and cheese. Last year, 19,990,895 pounds of beef, valued at \$1,755,191, were exported; and from January 1 to August 25 of this year 69,864,490 pounds, valued at \$6,983,499, were shipped. From May 1 to August 24, 6,871,927 pounds of butter, and 54,278,564 pounds of cheese had been shipped from New York, against 2,126,808 pounds of butter, and 44,042,900 pounds of cheese exported during the corresponding period of last year. The shippers' price of butter is about one cent a pound less than the price obtained last year, but the average price of cheese is 1½ cent higher. Nearly all these shipments were to ports in Great Britain.

The Ohio Steel Barb Fence Company, which has long been located on Wason street, Cleveland, has begun the erection of a new building for manufacturing purposes, on the corner of Case avenue and the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad. The frontage on the street will be 104 feet, and on the railroad 150 feet. The building will be of brick, have a slate roof, and be two stories in height. There will be side tracks from the railroad leading directly to the structure. The concern will have a capacity of 30 tons of barb fence per diem. It is anticipated that new machinery will be added and more hands engaged than the 100 at present employed, after November 1, when it is believed the new building will be furnished.

The following shows the total shipment of ore from the Lake Superior district for the season, together with those of a corresponding period last year:

From where.	1876.	1877.
From Marquette.....	345,641	493,980
From Escanaba.....	45,009	89,774
From L'Anse.....	61,951	51,100
Total.....	652,601	764,854

Showing an increase of 112,163 gross tons—though it is proper to say that one week's shipments from Escanaba, last year, are missing, and not included in the comparative statement. The Republic is 40,000 tons ahead of its competitors, having, up to the 12th inst., forwarded in round numbers 140,000 tons of ore. The Cleveland follows after with something over 100,000 tons, and the Lake Superior stands next with 93,750 tons. It is proper to say, however, that both the latter have shipped considerable ore by rail, south of Escanaba, which is not

included in the above figures.—*Mining Journal*.

The Cincinnati *Gazette* says: The following arrivals of pig iron were received here per barges and weighed by W. H. Broadwell, public weigher:

Furnaces.	Tons
Mt. Vernon.....	356
Mt. Savage.....	156
Pennsylvania.....	109
Hunnewell.....	140
Charlotte.....	50
Hecla.....	160
Quinnimont.....	89
Lawrence.....	386
Ironton.....	241
Princess.....	500
Total.....	2,150

Two screws, which the London *Engineer* says are probably the largest in existence, are being cut at the Deal square of the Royal gun factories for the new lathes which are required for the manufacture of heavy guns. The screws are each 65 feet in length by 7 inches in diameter, and the machinery employed being in a somewhat restricted space, the wall of the building has been removed to make room for them. The lathes, of which they will form part, will have 72-inch centers, enabling them to turn a gun or any other work 12 feet in thickness.

The Root Hame and Chain Works, at Richmond, Ind., are running full. The business has increased very much during this year. Messrs. Starr & Son, the proprietors, have made three additions to the works this year, and are now making the fourth, which consists of a large building adjoining the old one. When this addition is completed they will employ about 90 hands. They are now putting up 30 additional forges for making chains.

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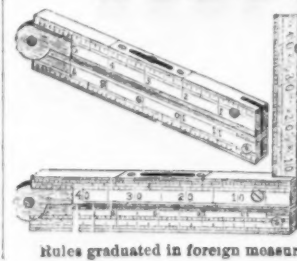
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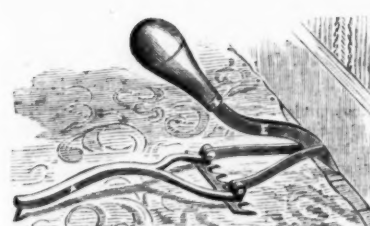
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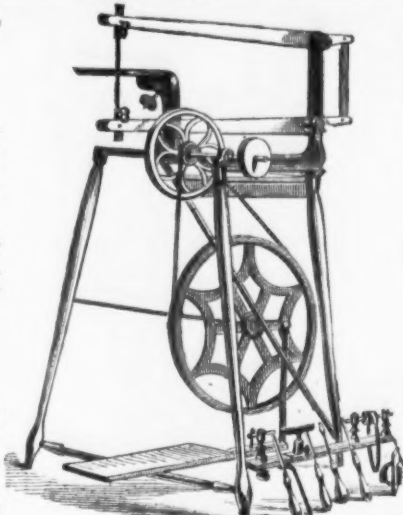
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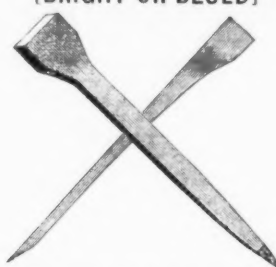
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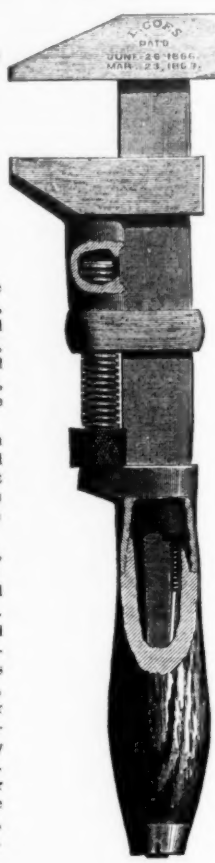
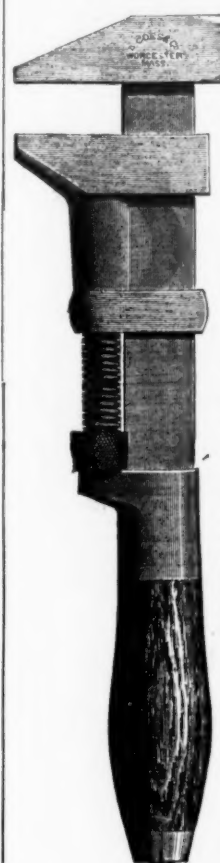
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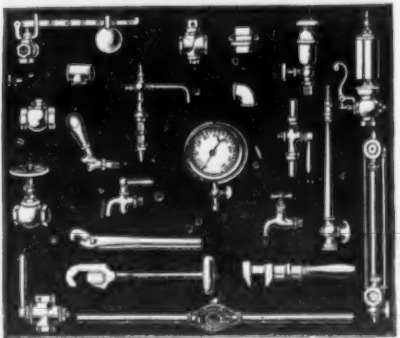
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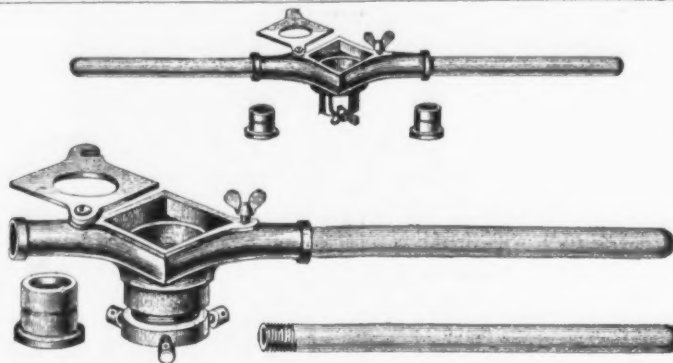
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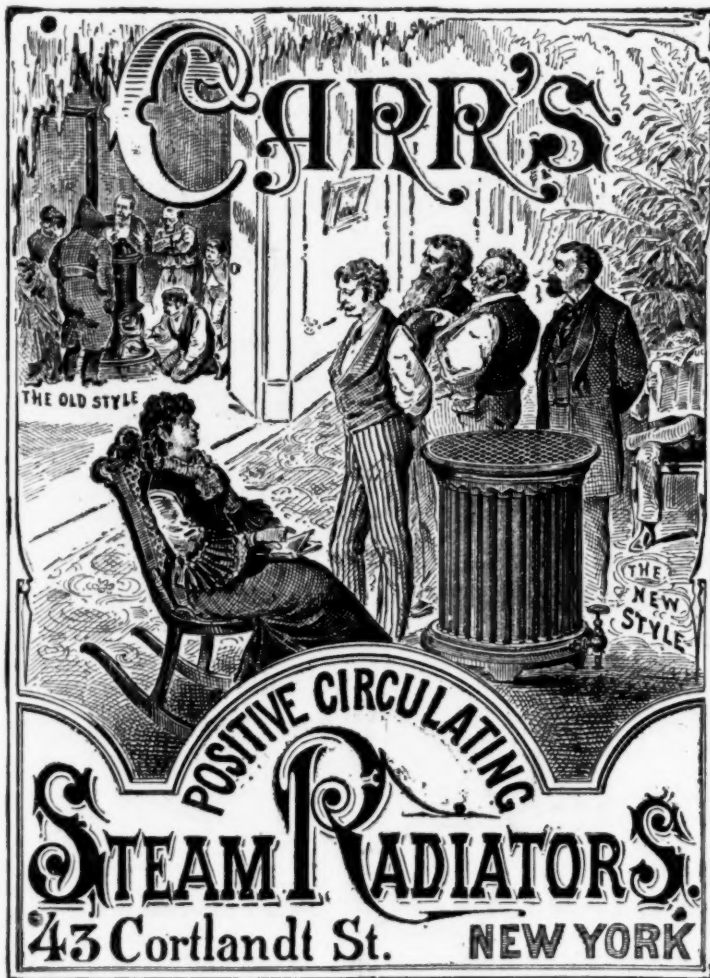
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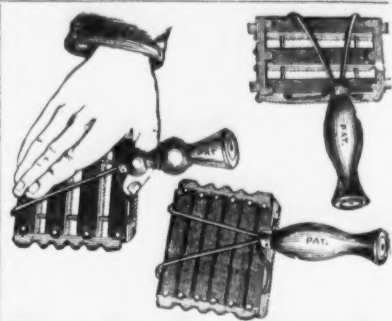
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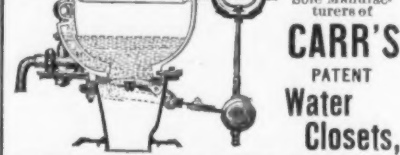
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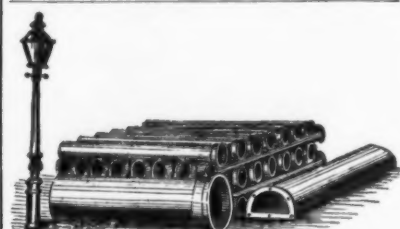
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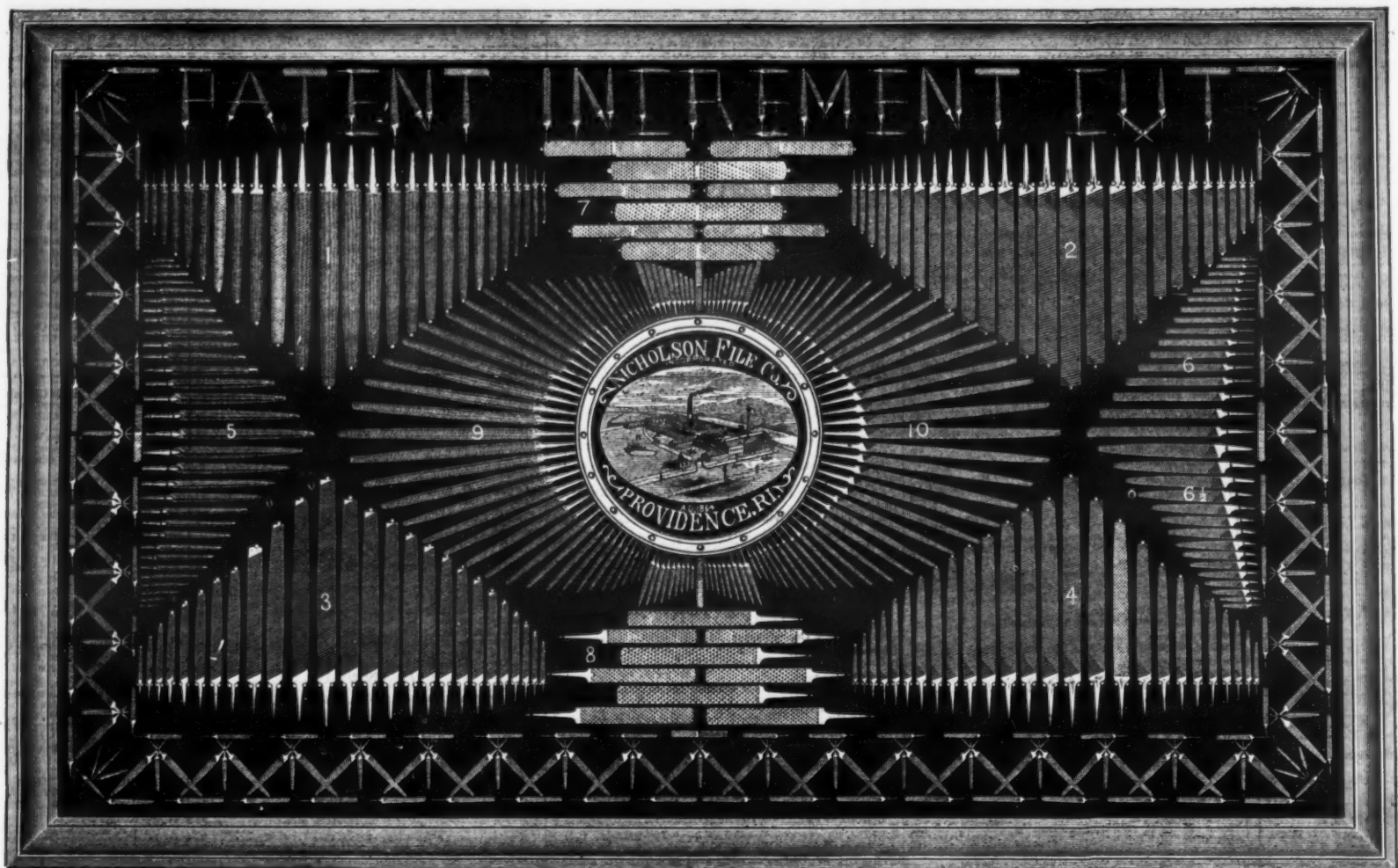
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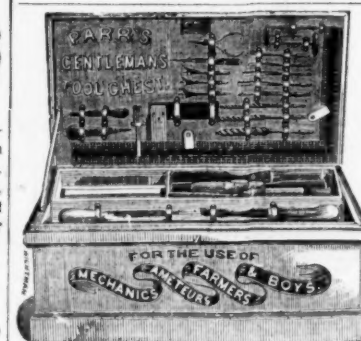
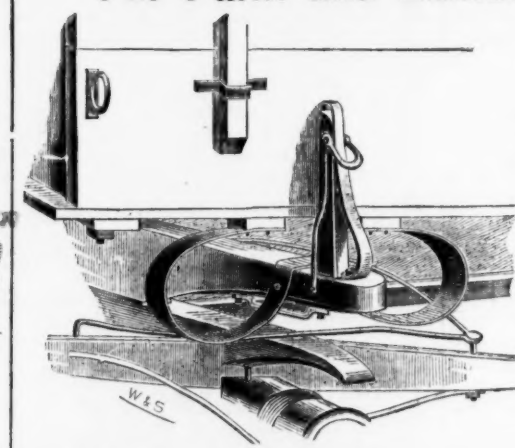
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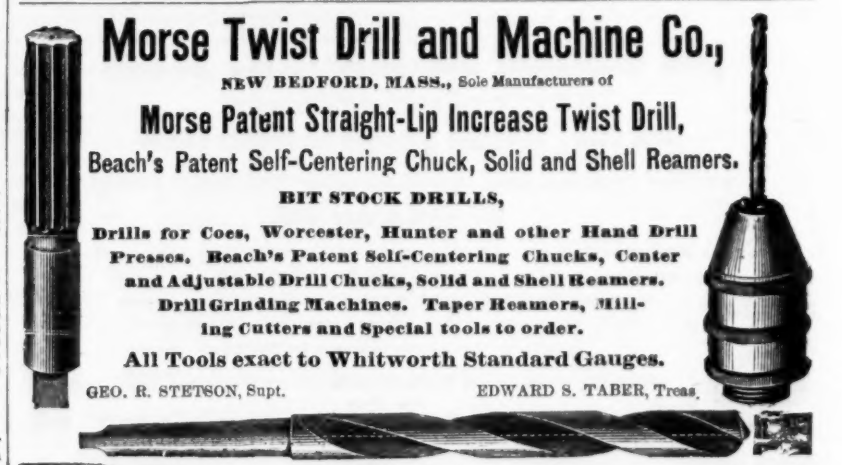
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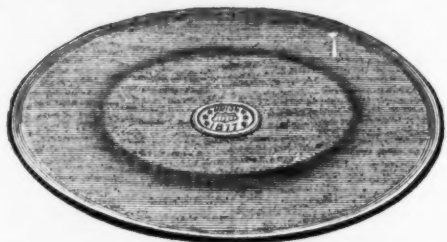
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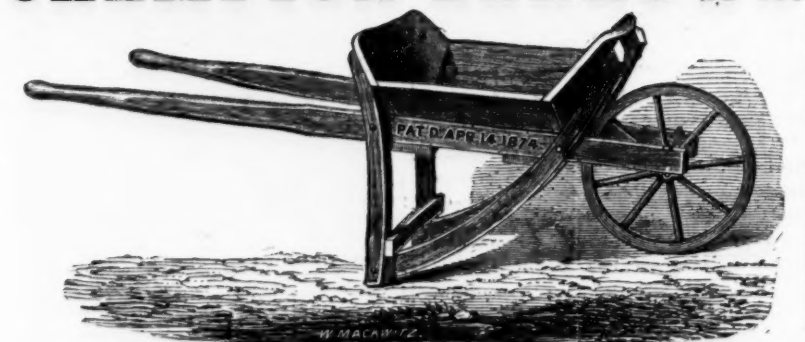
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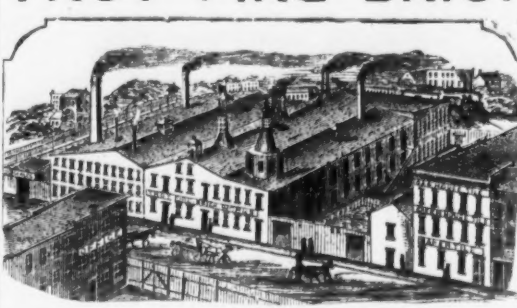
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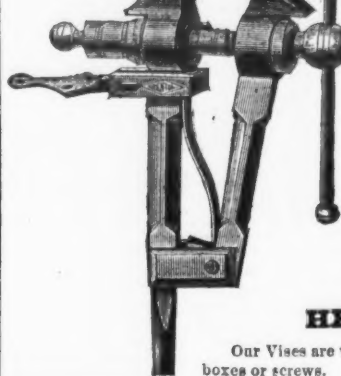
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Wrought Iron Barrel.....	\$ dis 10 10 5
"Square.....	\$ dis 10 10 5
"Shutter (Sargent's new list), dis 10 10 5	
"Flash, Stanley's.....	\$ dis 15 10 5
"Sargent's".....	\$ dis 15 10 5
Carriage and Tire, Common.....	\$ dis 75 5 5 cash
"Norway Iron.....	\$ dis 70 5
"Philadelphia.....	\$ dis 60 10 5
"Coleman.....	\$ dis 60 10 5
"Shedon's Shaved Head.....	\$ dis 45 50 5
Star (Phila.).....	\$ dis 60 10 5
Union Nut Company, old list.....	\$ dis 45 50 5
"R. B. & W.....	\$ dis 50 5
"Shedon's Shaved Head.....	\$ dis 45 50 5
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Machine.....	\$ dis 70 5
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Boring Machines, Upright.....	\$ 12 00 12 50
Hovey's.....	\$ 6.00 net
"With Augers.....	\$ 6.00 net
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Snell's, no Augers.....	\$ 6.00 net
Phillips' with Augers.....	\$ 6.00 net
Union Nut Co.....	\$ dis 60 5
Hotchkiss'.....	\$ low list dis 10 5
Sargent & Co.'s.....	\$ 70 10 5 and 12
BRACES.—Barber's Patent.....	\$ dis 40 5 5
Spofford's Patent.....	\$ dis 50 5
Wheeler's Patent.....	\$ dis 50 5
Ives' "Centennial".....	\$ dis 40 10 5
Common Rail (American).....	\$ dis 25 10 5
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Ball Rings, Union Nut Co.....	\$ dis 60 10 5
Hotchkiss'.....	\$ low list dis 10 5
Humason, Beckley & Co.'s.....	\$ dis 60 5
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Humason & Beckley Mfg. Co.....	\$ dis 20 5
Parsons' Butts and Mayer's Hinges.....	\$ dis 25 5
Bradley's.....	\$ dis 25 5
Beatty's.....	\$ dis 20 5
\$15.50 12.00 21.50 24.00 27.00 30.00 33.50 36.50	
Hart Mfg. Co.....	\$ dis 10 5
BUTTS.	
Parsons' Butts.....	\$ dis 25 5
Cast Brass.....	\$ dis 20 5
COMMON CAST, NOT DRILLED.	
Fast Joint, Narrow.....	\$ dis 50 5
"Broad.....	\$ dis 60 5
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Loose Pin.....	\$ dis 10 5
Loose Pin Japped.....	\$ dis 10 5
Loose Pin Japped.....	\$ dis 10 5
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Loose Joint.....	\$ dis 60 5
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Parliament and Mayer's Hinges.....	\$ dis 60 5
Loose Pin, no Acorn.....	\$ dis 50 5
Loose Pin.....	\$ dis 50 5
Japped.....	\$ dis 60 5
Plated Tips.....	\$ dis 60 5
Union Mfg. Co.'s Fancy Butts.....	\$ dis 60 5
Figured Enamelled Loose Joint.....	\$ dis 60 5

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Screw Hook and Eye..... 1/2 in. 12 1/2c.....net 1/2

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Lane's C. S. Crescent Planters, Amer. Pat'n.....dis 20 1/2

Scovill Pattern.....dis 20 1/2

Handled and S. Shank.....dis 20 1/2

Planters, Handled.....dis 35

Scovill Pattern, Handled.....dis 35

Bird Cage, Sargent's list.....dis 60 to 100

Cotton.....dis 50

Bench-Hotchikiss, \$5.00 1/2 doz.....dis 10

Weston's No. 1, \$2.00 No. 2, \$7.00 1/2 doz.....net 10

Skinner's, \$6.25 per doz.....dis 20

Clothes Line, Hart's list.....dis 60 to 100

Reading list.....dis 35 to 50

Ceiling.....dis 20 to 30

Harness.....dis 40 to 50

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Reading.....dis 40 to 50

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Perkins' Pointed and Blued..... 1/2 doz 280 260 230 210 230 210

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Door.....dis 10

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" Plated.....dis 10

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Laurens.....dis 50 to 100

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Trunk.....dis 25

Langstroth & Crane's List Jan. 1, 77.....dis 25

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Barnes & Deitz, Flat Key.....dis 25 to 30

Yale Lock Co., Flat Key.....dis 25

Continental.....dis 25

Shepardson's Flat Key.....dis 25

American Lock Mfg. Co.....dis 35 to 40

Plate.....dis 35 to 40

Boor Locks, &c.

Bransford.....dis 60 to 100

Norwalk.....dis 60 to 100

Russell & Erwin.....dis 60 to 100

Padlocks.....dis 35 to 40

" W. W. W. & Co., No. 1 and 2 for cash.....dis 35 to 40

" American Lock Mfg. Co.....dis 35 to 40

" Homer's.....dis 20

" New York Lock Co.....dis 20

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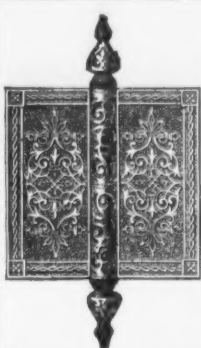
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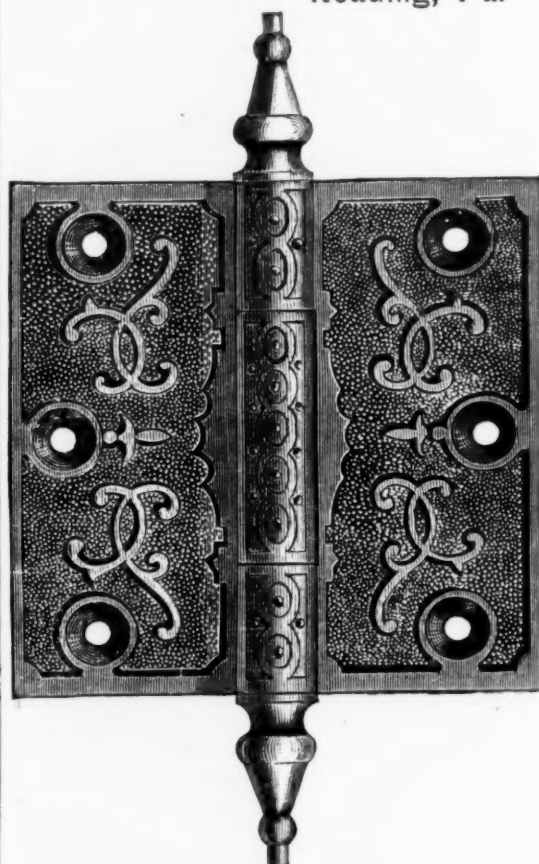
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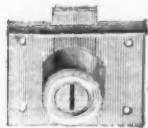
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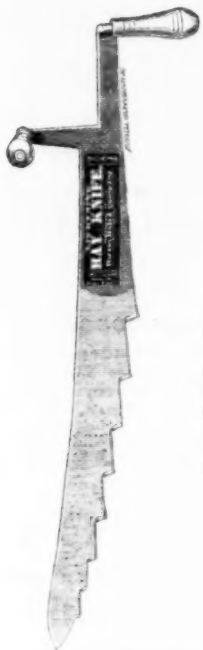
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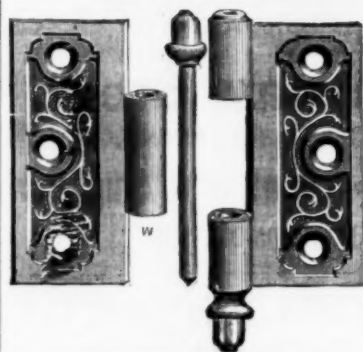
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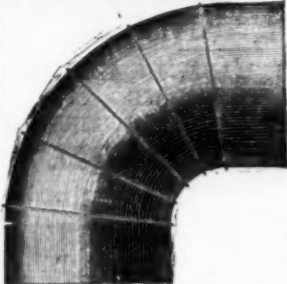
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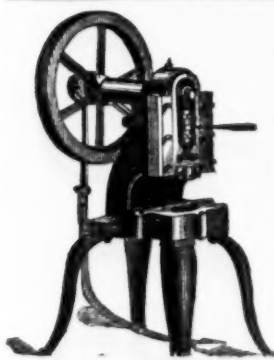
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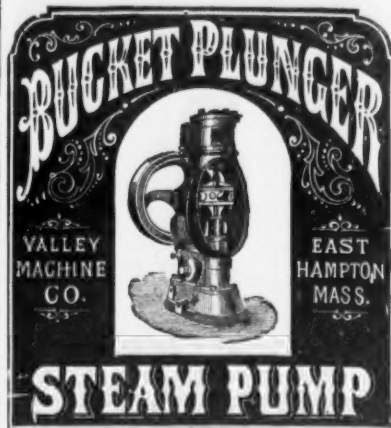
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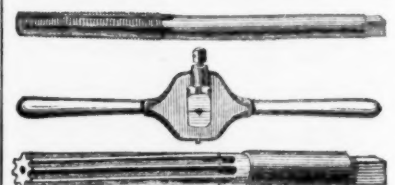


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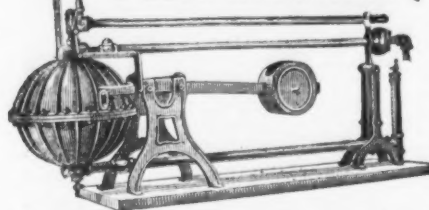
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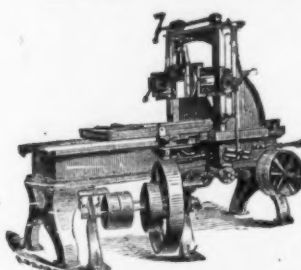
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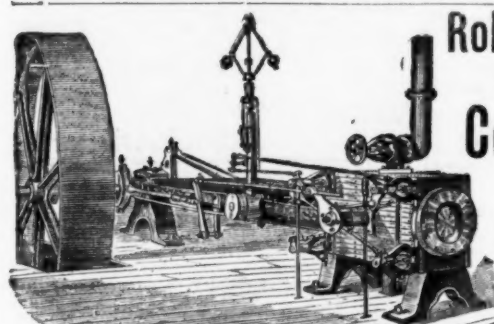
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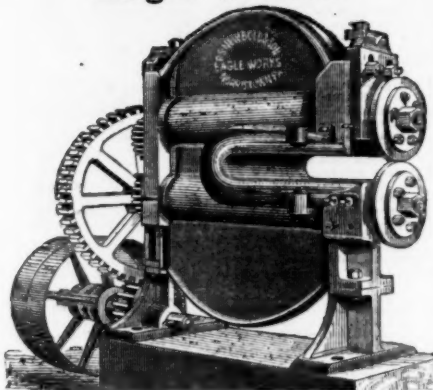
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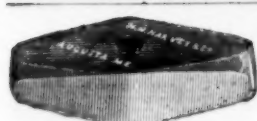
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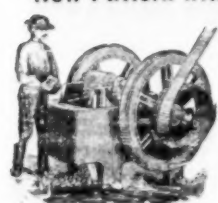
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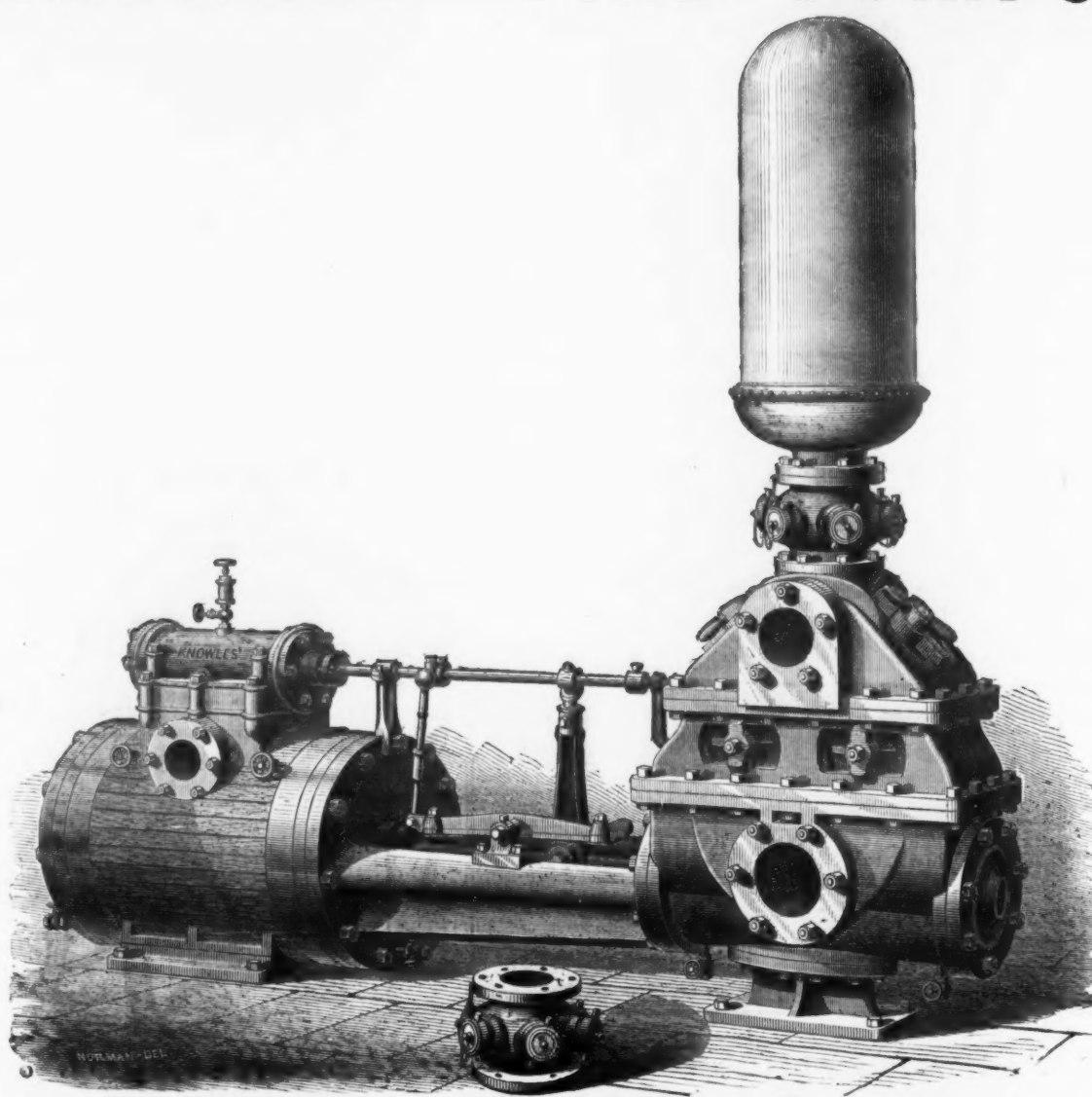


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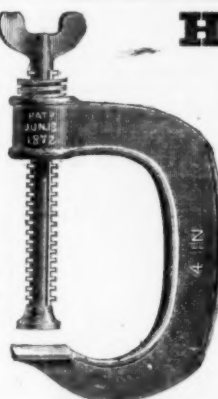
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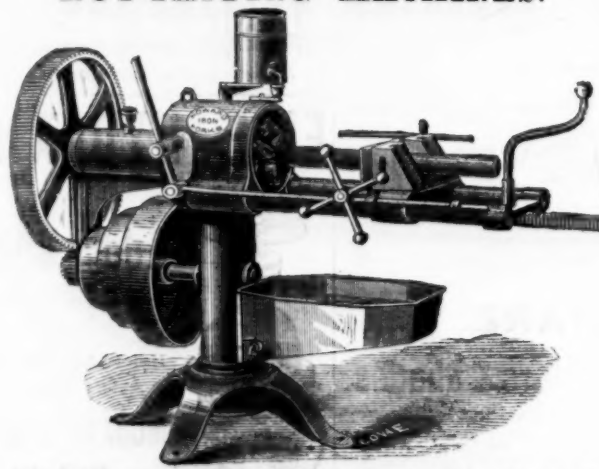
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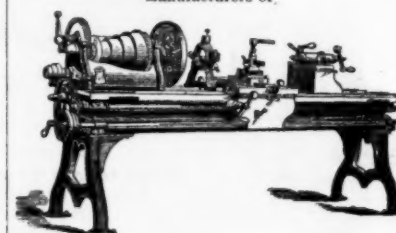


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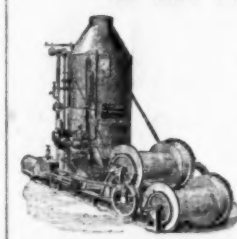
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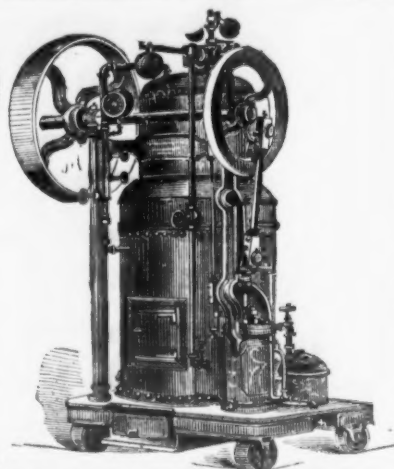
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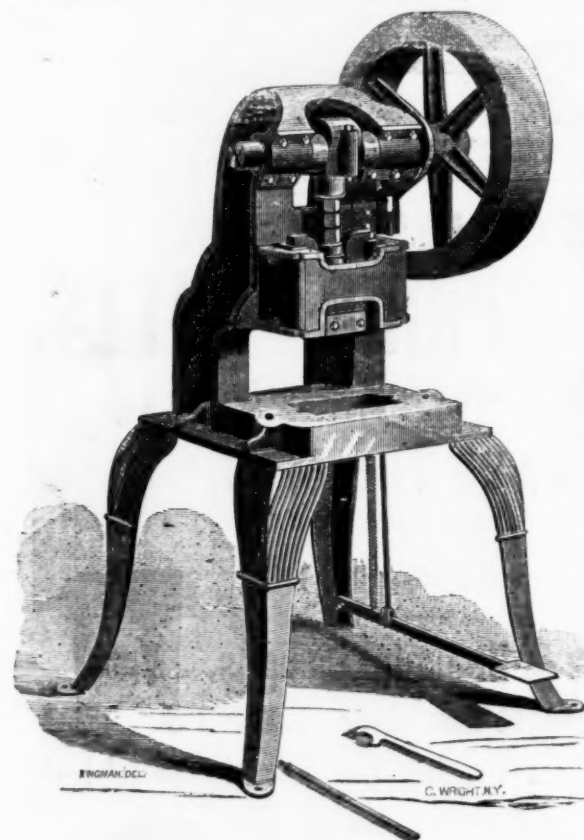
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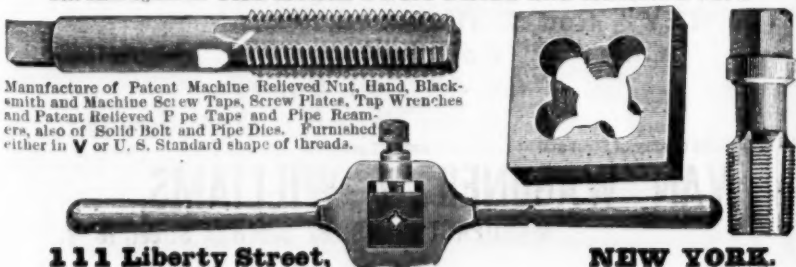
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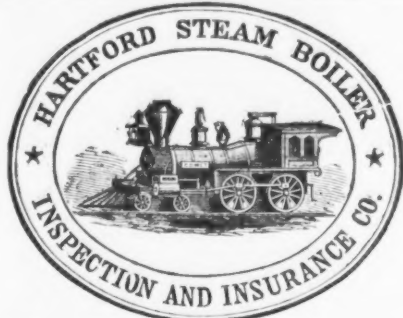
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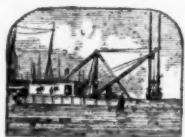
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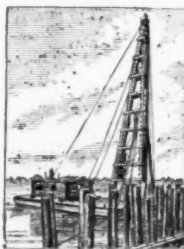
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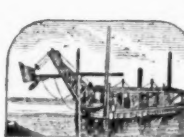
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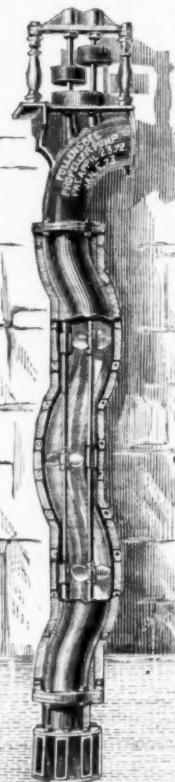
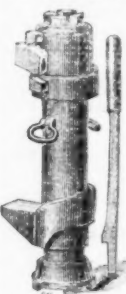
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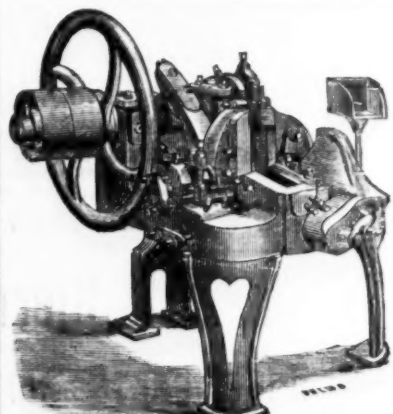
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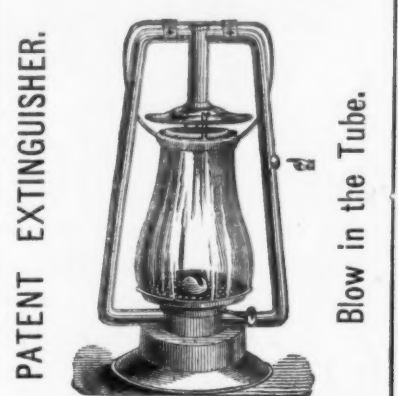
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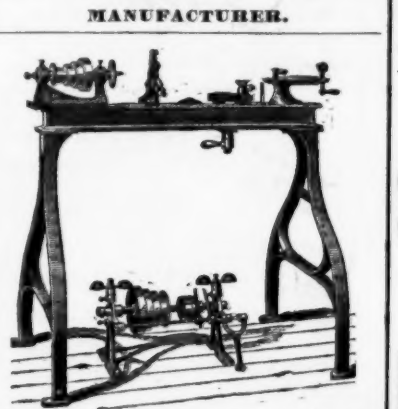
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